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CJC, AJCS merger is being considered by Montreal leaders

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL—

An amalgamation similar to the proposed union between the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, and the United Jewish Welfare Fund in Toronto has been considered here by both Allied Jewish Community Services and CJC Eastern Region.

Whether tension between the two organizations can be reduced to the point that they eventually merge depends on the outcome of several areas of conflict, the sorest being the still-precarious fate of the Jewish Education Bureau.

Both Congress and AJCS are attempting to keep education within their jurisdictions, a duplication that has inspired much of the grating competition between them. Congress, along with the Canadian Zionist Federation is a member of the Joint Committee on Jewish education (now disbanded) from which AJCS withdrew months ago, while AJCS wants to create a central Jewish education bureau.

The bureau still has not been approved by all its potential members.

Leon Teitelbaum, chairman of CJC Eastern Region, declared himself pessimistic about the possibility of a merger.

"If we can't resolve our differences on the subject of education, how can we even contemplate taking such a step? I was hopeful when I became chairman that we could work together better, but I must say that it is not going well at all. I'm upset, because in the past my fortune has been to be able to bring people together."

The CJC chairman said, however, that he would not oppose such a merger if it could be proven to him that this would be a positive step. The new organization would have to be run democratically, though, he stipulated.

"I feel there is room for both organizations as long as they stay within their jurisdictions."Teitelbaum continued." AJCS plays its role in the social welfare field and in fund raising. In those areas it has expertise: I would say that in the area of fund raising, it is almost perfect. Congress is concerned with culture, education and the national and international scene."

He said his organization often finds itself in conflict with the professional staff of AJCS, who, in his opinion, are feeding the community biased information, implying that Congress is not competent in certain areas. On the contrary AJCS is not as experienced in the realm of education as Congress, he countered.

"The professionals are trying to build an empire to justify all the people they're engaging," he said. "They are the stumbling block rather than the lay people. I have no difficulty with the top leadership. I am impressed with Charles Bronfman. He's very open-minded."

Bronfman, who is president of AJCS, said he sees several advantages to a merger between Congress and his organization.

"The basic advantage would be in the avoidance of duplication of efforts," he explained. "We would have a stronger voice by uniting. Two other advantages would be the avoidance of competition and considerable savings in staff and administration costs."

Bronfman stressed that the merger, which has already been discussed by AJCS officials, would imply a new structure for the new organization. In no way would it be a "take-over."

Before any serious discussion could take place, the organizations would have to agree on a new constitution, he said. **This raises the**

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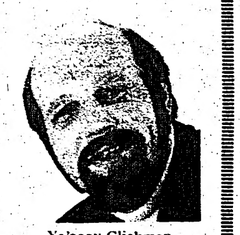
Those who wield community power subject of study

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
Staff Reporter

(PART ONE)

Who governs the Toronto Jewish community? Is there a relationship between power and money? How are key decisions made? What are the most important organizations? What are the roots of institutional conflict within the Jewish community?

The answer to these and other relevant questions on the nature and structure of the community are contained in a new and revealing 239-page study written by an Israeli sociologist named Ya'acov Glickman, who received his education in both Israeli and Canadian universities. The study, entitled **The Organization and Governance of the Toronto Jewish Community**, was commissioned by the Institute for Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress and the Centre for the Study of Federalism of Temple University, Pennsylvania, in 1971 and was researched and written over a period of 3½ years. It was completed in December of 1974.



Ya'acov Glickman

Glickman's study is one of approximately 80 conducted in most of the major urban centres throughout the world (excluding areas where pertinent information was unavailable or where Jews were found not to constitute a significant community — a rarity in the major cities of the Western hemisphere). The Canadian part of the overall project was carried out under the sponsorship of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and a similar study of the Montreal Jewish community was written by Prof. Harold Waller of McGill University. His findings were published in **The Canadian Jewish News** late last year.

The disclosures in Glickman's study derive from his experience gained as onetime research director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education and from his work on a doctoral thesis on education and identity within the Jewish community here. The thesis is now being written under the guidance of Prof. Raymond Breton of the department of sociology, University of Toronto.

Glickman gathered a great deal of his information from a series of in-depth interviews with 60 "key influentials" and other informants in addition to members of "fringe groups," all of whom possessed the knowledge that would most reliably gauge the persons, issues and organizations that count in the organized life of the community.

"In retrospect," says Glickman, "my involvement with the board provided me with invaluable insights into the workings of the Jewish community organizations. Coupled with techniques tested and widely accepted in the social sciences, it was possible to delineate the structure of the community in its 'corporate behavior,' or identity."

In the final analysis, Glickman claims, the way a community is organized and the manner in which its individual members think and behave are two, though not necessarily identical, sides of the same coin. "The attempt to relate these two sides will comprise the documented part of my research."

According to the findings, Ray Wolfe, chairman of the Oshawa Group Ltd., and Murray Koffler, chairman of Koffler Stores Ltd., are the most powerful men in the community (see chart), despite the fact that they usually exercise their influence from a distance. Both men are esteemed and powerful because of their wealth, generous contributions and connections and reputations both in Israel and in the larger non-Jewish community.

In general, although a sizeable number of the leaders are in one way or another associated with the control and ownership of large business enterprises, there is not necessarily a one-to-one relationship between money and the distribution of power, since there are many influential individuals who are not known to have a great deal of wealth. Yet money is probably the "most important single factor in catapulting people into positions of power and keeping them there."

Glickman postulates the theory that ability alone can bring a person to a top decision-making position, although reaching this level would occur at a pace much slower than for a person who could support his talents with personal wealth. Moreover, since much community activity is centered around fund-raising and fund allocations, it follows that the community seeks men who can either mobilize or contribute wealth. Another factor which accounts for the preponderance of wealthy men in the leadership elite is "the time element." As he puts it: "Being active necessitates heavy committee work and other involvements that only a person with an appreciable freedom and common economic security can afford."

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Ford wants trade restrictions cut

WASHINGTON [JTA] —

President Ford said that he would seek removal of "restrictive" measures in the new trade law and the Export-Import bank's lending powers in discussing the Soviet government's cancellation of its 1972 trade agreement with the United States. He did not specify, at his news conference, the measures he was planning nor the reasons for the Soviet rejection of the agreement.

The president also said that the United States feels that the danger of war in the Middle East is "very serious" and that to avoid war the United States, was "maximizing" its diplomatic efforts with Israel and the various Arab states. Ford also said, with regard to the Middle East, that the U.S. is supplying arms to various Mideast states for their internal security as well as to maintain an "equilbrium" in the area.

The issues raised by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's comment, in a recent magazine interview, that the United States did not rule out use of force in the Middle East if it was threatened by strangulation by Arab oil policies, came up at the news conference.

Ford said "we will go to Congress" before any measure of commitment of military force was made in the Middle East. When he was asked whether he or Kissinger considered the United Nations charter prohibition of the use of force against the territorial integrity of another state, in mentioning military intervention in the Middle East, the president replied he did not know whether Kissinger had considered that point.

"If a country is being strangled," the president said, "that country has the right to protect itself against death." When he was asked whether another Arab oil embargo would be "strangulation," the president said "not of the kind in 1973."

Discussing Soviet-U.S. detente, Ford said that "in my judgment detente will be continued, broadened and expanded" because it is in the interest of the Soviet Union and the United States." The president said he was disappointed by the Soviet cancellation of the trade agreement.

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Haim Rashvil Nahmiev, 35 (left) achieved fame recently when he became Israel's 100,000th immigrant from the Soviet Union. He and his family hail from the mountainous Azerbeigan region of Russia. They now live in the border town of Beit Shean. Twenty thousand Soviet Jews were granted exit visas by the government last year.

Suspicion crumbling, is belief

From Our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL —

When Pope John XXIII deleted the term "perfidious Jews" from the New Testament, he opened the way for dialogue between Jewish and Christian worlds. Recent meetings of Jewish clergy with their Catholic counterparts in Rome and with Protestant Ministers in London indicate, in the words of Rabbi Allan Langner, "that the wall of suspicion" is crumbling.

Rabbi Langner represented Canadian Jewry, along with Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Toronto, at a meeting of the World Council of Churches and the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultation. Twenty-five members of each group participated.

Two days of discussion were devoted to the ethics of power in the Jewish and Christian traditions as well as in international affairs. The Middle Eastern situation came into play when three delegates, who were Arab, presented their view of Israel and the Palestinian problem.

"After putting forth their typical line, they showed they still want justice for both sides," Rabbi Langner said. "I'm encouraged. I feel there was a sentiment for peace..."

Nothing concrete was resolved at the London conference, but an open, frank atmosphere left the delegates with positive feelings about one another. The Catholic Church, on the other hand, has worked out concrete guidelines delineating new attitudes towards Jews and Judaism.

"In the Protestant sector it is much more difficult to create a single set of guidelines than in the Catholic sector," explained Rabbi Langner. "They have such a great number and variety of denominations."

Following the London conference, Rabbi Langner, who heads Beth El synagogue here, met with the Canadian Catholic Conference, an association of Canadian bishops in Ottawa. Prime Minister Trudeau and former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker were also present to discuss the guidelines set forth by the recent conference in Rome.

Five Vatican representatives and five delegates from the World Jewish Congress have made recommendations that spell new respect for the Jewish religion on the part of Catholics.

Basically, Jews are now looked upon by Catholic doctrine as having their own religion rather than as potential converts. In the past, Catholicism was considered the only true religion.

According to another important guideline, Christians must understand that Jewish history did not terminate with the destruction of Jerusalem, approximately 40 years after the death of Christ.

A rich tradition has accumulated since then and, said Rabbi Langner, it is important for Catholics to realize it.

Passages in the Gospel According to John which refer to "the Jews" collectively as adversaries of Christ have been re-interpreted to signify those Jews who were Christ's adversaries. Similarly, "the Pharisees" has been stripped of its derogatory connotation.

Step up campaign to hit UJA goal

TORONTO —

February has been proclaimed UJA Month in Toronto by the leadership of the 1975 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign.

Says campaign chairman Eddie Creed: "We want to complete the campaign during the next few weeks and we are calling on all canvassers and contributors to co-operate fully so that we can achieve our goal by the time the campaign ends officially on March 16. A concerted effort in February will assure our success."

Canvassers are being asked to give every Wednesday, or as many Wednesdays as possible during February, to active UJA canvassing.

"We have suggested to our canvassers to line up appointments with prospects in advance," says Creed, "so there will be no time wasted on the Wednesday when they are actually canvassing. Members of the community who have not yet pledged can co-operate by agreeing cheerfully to a Wednesday appointment with their canvassers."

Each Wednesday's activities will commence with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. at the Noshery Penthouse on Eglinton Avenue W. Canvassers will then fan out over the city to make their calls and will report results at a l'chayim at the Primrose Club between 4 and 7 p.m.

Creed says the community "is responding responsibly to the urgent needs of Israel and the local Jewish community. The Jews of Toronto are truly keeping the promise." He is confident that the big drive in February will show a continuation of this trend.

Students at the University of Toronto and York are pitching in with the biggest UJA campaign ever held on campus. Some 6,000 Jewish students will be canvassed. Each will be asked to contribute at least $18—chai.

Recent arrivals in Toronto from the Soviet Union are planning a UJA campaign. Many of them have expressed their desire to reciprocate in some way for the assistance given to them by the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, an agency funded by the United Jewish Appeal.

The co-chairmen of the films and entertainers group, Jerry Grafstein and Guerston Rosenfeld, are planning a social event for UJA and are hoping it will be hosted by a prominent film star. Details are to be announced.

The community services group, which comprises employees of the various Toronto Jewish agencies, is showing the highest percentage increase in contributions, according to the latest campaign statistics. The group, headed by Walter Lyons, reports an increase of 28% over the same cards last year.

Merger is approved

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
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TORONTO —

In an historic move, the board of directors of the United Jewish Welfare Fund Tuesday night approved in principal negotiations between the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, and the UJWF toward a community restructuring for all Toronto programs of both organizations.

The board recommended to the annual meeting that the incoming board be authorized to negotiate the restructuring based generally upon Congress Chairman Milton Harris' proposals for merger.

Only two persons of the 35 present at the board meeting voted against the motion.

They were J.B. Salsberg and labor leader Max Federman.

Two steps remain to finalize negotiations which have been underway over the past few months — a positive vote in favor at the annual meeting of the Welfare Fund next Thursday (Feb. 6) and at CJC regional council meeting March 2. Harris has said there must be a clear vote in favor at the council meeting, but he has refused to disclose what percentage is necessary.

There was 90 minutes of discussion at the UJF board meeting prior to the vote. In his speech to the board, Federman asked the board, "what's the fire ... let's have more meetings."

Salsberg expressed concern about the merger. He said the imposition of leadership was prone, by the very nature of its composition, to centralize power and control.

He rejected any idea the leaders were more capable of deciding on policies "than the average Jew."

Along with David Satok, who is also Congress national vice-president, Salsberg warned that other segments of the community might seek "their own means of advocacy."

Satok pointed out there were strong pockets of opposition to merger. He named religious groups, especially the Orthodox; the majority of Zionist groups; landsmanshaften, and some UJA fund raisers. "I have a gut feeling that many groups uncomfortable in this mammoth organization may go their own way," Satok remarked.

UJWF Treasurer David Rotenberg chided those who opposed the merger. He pointed out that Congress is not only made up of paupers "but the Bronfman's, Harris' and Satoks as well."

He criticized those against merger for saying that they represent the people against the big givers. "This isn't it," he said. "It is the democrats versus the people not wanting to be democrats. "The new organization is a better way than what we have now. Let's get behind it and made it work."

Welfare Fund President Phil Granovsky made it clear that if there were no merger this time, Bylaw 100 would be implemented. Bylaw 100 would give the UJWF a similar structure to CJC.

Condemnation of India is called for by CIC

MONTREAL —

The Canada-Israel Committee has urged the Canadian Government to condemn India's refusal to permit Israel to participate in an international table tennis tournament. A Canadian team will participate in this event next month.

In a telegram sent to Marc Lalonde, National Health and Welfare Minister, the CIC said the ban was a perversion of the principles of international sports and competition."

Sent over the signatures of Aaron Pollack, national chairman and Myer Bick, national director, the telegram said: "We believe that the Canadian minister responsible for sport should issue a public condemnation of India's action and convey the protest of the Canadian Government of India. We also ask that you use the good offices of our government to encourage the Indian officials to reverse its decision."

A press dispatch from Israel says the Israeli team will go to India despite the ban, and if there is no reversal of the decision to oust them, they will fly out as tourists on their individual passports.

The Indian Government's action, which has been widely condemned, is in line with its pro-Arab policy.

UN gets PLO's bill

JERUSALEM (JCNS) —

The terrorist who killed two people and wounded some 60 others in the Chen Cinema in Tel Aviv last month and was then killed by one of his own bombs did not pay his account for staying at the city's Commodore Hotel.

This has now been sent to Dr. Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General. Maurice Sharon, the hotel manager, wrote in a covering letter to Dr. Waldheim, that it seemed appropriate to ask the head of the UN to settle the account in view of the UN's reception to Yasser Arafat, the terrorist leader (in November).

The account totals $9.50, the cost of the single occupancy of a double room for one night. Sharon ended his letter: "I look forward to the settlement of this account at your earliest convenience to enable the hotel to close its accounts for 1974."

Leaders in community service to receive major awards at Welfare Fund gathering

Ray D. Wolfe

Judy Gwartz

TORONTO —

Two major awards for community service will be presented at the annual meeting of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto at Beth Tikvah Synagogue Feb. 6. Phil Granovsky, UJWF president, announced that the Ben Sadowski Award of Merit will be presented to Ray D. Wolfe and the Leadership Development Award will go to Judy Gwartz.

An industrialist and communal leader, Wolfe, who was born in Toronto, is chairman and chief executive officer of The Oshawa Group Limited and chairman, IGA Canada Limited. He received a BA degree from the University of Toronto in 1939. He is currently president of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and vice-president of Canada-Israel Development Limited.

His numerous affiliations include directorships with the Jewish Home for the Aged, Mount Sinai Hospital, Baycrest Hospital, Haifa University, United Jewish Welfare Fund, The Canadian Jewish News and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews from whom he received the Human Relations Award in 1968.

He is married to the former Rose Senderowitz and they have two children, Jonathan and Elizabeth.

Judy Gwartz came up through the ranks of Young Women's Leadership which she entered only five years ago. A University of Toronto graduate, her principal community interest lies in the area of volunteer training.

Mrs. Gwartz is on the admissions committee at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care; serves on the advisory board of the Jewish Information Service where she also helps with volunteer training; is a member of the board and executive committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund; and is assistant chairman of Crown Gifts, UJA Women's Division.

Judy, is married to Jack Gwartz, chairman, UJA campaign planning committee. They have three children, Shelley, Franklin and Daniel.

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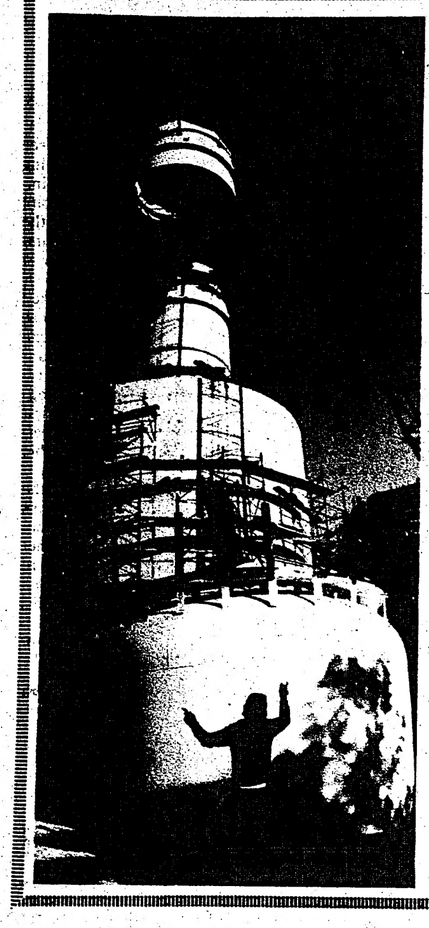

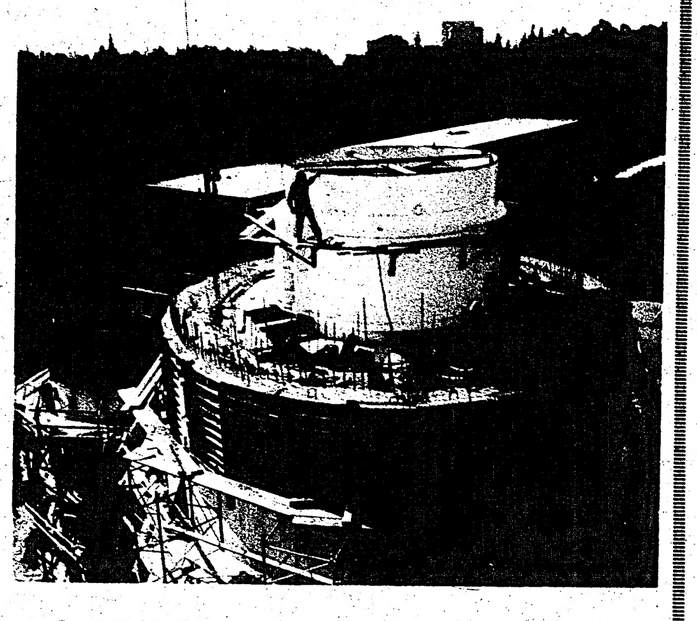

ONE OF FEW IN THE WORLD

Construction is proceeding at the Koffler Accelerator Tower, Weizmann Institute of Science. It is part of the Canadian Centre for Nuclear Physics, located in the town of Rehovot, Israel. The project was made possible by businessman Murray Koffler. Centre will serve international physicists.

Vice-president of Jewish Board of Deputies supports attack on Times anti-Zionist ad

JERUSALEM (JCNS) — In an article published in the **Jerusalem Post,** the senior vice-president of the British Board of Deputies, Greville Janner, MP, has defended the board's action in protesting to the Attorney-General and the Race Relations Board over the acceptance by **The Times** of what he termed "a scurrilous, anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish advertisement."

The advertisement, published last month, was sponsored by an organization calling itself Committee for Justive in the Middle East and Janner said that the substance of the advertisement implied that Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's former Prime Minister, who was then visiting Britain, was "arranging for more tax free millions to flow out to Israel. there to be used for the purpose of bombs to rain down on Arab refugee children."

Janner's article continued: "We know that **The Times** is losing money and is scarcely the brightest jewel in Roy Thomson's (Lord Thomson is owner of The Times) crown, but ned The Times) crown, but need it sink so low as to accept such tainted cast."

He noted that **The Guardian** had refused to accept placement of the advertisement, although had Israel been forced to depend on the friendship of Guardian leader writers, it would have expired long ago.

"On this occasion," Janner said, **"The Guardian** valued their self-respect." He added the **The Times** had published a "disingenuous editorial" attempting to justify acceptance of the advertisement on behalf of Soviet Jewry which had appeard earlier, and in which the paper explained that although it agreed with the anti-Soviet appeal it did not agree with the anti-Zionist one, but had published the latter in the interests of free speech.

Leaders will plan ways to assist Soviet brethren

LONDON [JCNS] — An international conference of leaders of Jewish communities is being planned to discuss the future tactics of the campaign on behalf of Soviet Jews. This follows the Soviet government's cancellation of a trade agreement with America which was conditional of permission for larger Jewish emigration.

Michael Fidler, chairman of the British Board of Deputies foreign affairs committee, said that the Jewish communities must not be "too downcast" by the Soviet action, on the contrary they must intensify their efforts to put pressure on Moscow for the release of Jews who wish to emigrate.

However, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the president of the World Jewish Congress, who addressed the Board's weekly meeting, advised campaign activists to wait for a clearer emergence of Soviet attitudes. The campaign in now entering a new phase in tactics and it would be better to wait until the real consequences of the Soviet move became more apparent, he added.

Israeli stamps are popular abroad

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT — Israel will be honoring the memory of an old friend next month when its Philatelic Sevice issues a stamp bearing the likeness of U.S. President Harry S. Truman, the man responsible for the fact that America was the first country to grant Israel diplomatic recognition. But the Truman stamp will also fulfill a more prosaic function; it will bring in substantial amounts of foreign currency.

Israeli stamps, almost unnoticed, have become an important export item. Some 13,000 foreign philatelists receive every new issue directly from Israel's Philatelic Service, while many more buy Holy Land stamps from their local dealers. According to Moshe Chen, director of the Service, sales abroad brought in some $2 million to the Israeli treasury last year.

Stamps printed in Jerusalem have a built-in appeal to several large groups of collectors. These include not only the many Jewish philatelists, but also others who have specialized in Judaica, the Bible or religious themes.

A conscious effort has been made by the Israeli Philatelic Service to "follow the rules" in regard to frequency and size of issues in order that local stamps retain their value to collectors. In practice, some 14-15 series, consisting of 30-35 individual scenes, are issued each year, with some 800,000 stamps of each type being sold. This had indeed made Israeli issues a good investment.

Early stamps, particularly the Doar Ivri series put out on May 16, 1948 — two days after Israel's establishment as a State — are very valuable. A full Doar Ivri set that cost only a few dollars on its appearance is today worth $4,000. Collections of an Israeli stamps issued until now, if they have their original tabs and have not been postmarked, bring some $12,000.

Israeli has its own private stamp exchange, located in a small Tel Aviv cafe, where several dozen dealers from all over the country meet to sip tea and trade stamps. Occasionally they also conclude deals over the phone.

With stamp counterfeiting now a major problem all over the world, mutual trust is naturally an important element in the success of such an exchange. Complaints against stamp merchants are handled by an internal court, which has the right to expel members from the Stamp Dealers Association.

One of the toughest problems facing Israel's postal authorities is deciding which themes are to be featured on local stamps. To some extent this matter is governed by traditions established over the last quarter century. At Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year) time, for example, a series of stamps on some specifically Jewish theme are printed. Once synagogues from various parts of the world were shown, while another year stamps depicted scenes from Noah's Ark. Independence Day stamps ordinarily have a military motif. When all the regular subjects are accounted for there remain 15 themes to be chosen out of the hundreds suggested each year by individuals and organizations.

Sadat repeats his demand for substantial concessions

PARIS [JTA] — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, in an interview published in **Le Monde,** repeated his ultimatum to Israel to come up with major concessions on all Arab fronts — including recognition of and negotiations with the PLO — within the next three months or face a new war.

He denounced the Soviet Union for failure to deliver military and economic aid to Egypt and for opposing even limited military action against Israel and predicted that the U.S. will soon recognize the PLO. Sadat praised Henry A. Kissinger as the "shrewdest, most moderate and most honest U.S. Secretary of State in 20 years."

In his far-reaching interview, the Egyptian leader was especially harsh toward the Soviet Union and said the alleged reneging by Moscow on arms deliveries may lead Egypt to break off the Soviet-Egyptian friendship pact.

His hard line toward Israel was similar to his remarks published in the Beirut newspaper, **An Nahar,** but was even more explicit as to what Israel must do to avoid war and what it could and could not expect in return. Sadat declared that Egypt will make no concessions whatever for Israel's return of the strategic Mitla and Gidi passes in Sinai and the Abu Rodeis oil fields. He said Israel must return the Golan Heights "which have always belonged to Syria" and the West Bank. Israel must recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization and negotiate with it, Sadat said.

"No peace is possible in the Near East as long as the Palestinian problem is not resolved. It is ridiculous to use the argument of terrorism to refuse all negotiations with the PLO ... So saying, I can assure you that Washington will not wait much longer before recognizing the PLO." They should Israel refuse to come to the conference table with the PLO "only the path of war will remain," Sadat said.

'Effective counter-sanction'

B'nai B'rith applauds UNESCO boycott leaders

WASHINGTON [JTA] — The B'nai B'rith applauded the actions of cultural and intellectual leaders who have severed their connections with UNESCO in protest over sanctions imposed on Israel. But B'nai B'rith president David M. Blumberg said that his organization, which holds non-governmental status at the United Nations, would not quit its relationships with UNESCO but would "campaign for a reversal of its politicization." This action was endorsed by the B'nai B'rith Board of Governors at its annual meeting here.

Blumberg said B'nai B'rith would appeal to UNESCO's 40-member Executive Board when that body meets in Paris next May. Such an appeal, he said, is bolstered by the boycott of UNESCO programs by leading scientists, artists, musicians, academicians and others "until the agency re-affirms its non-political character." He called the boycott "the most effective counter-sanctions" to compel a UNESCO reversal.

A similar view was expressed by Dr. William Korey, head of B'nai B'rith's UN office. Korey said Congressional proposals to cut off U.S. allocations to UNESCO "are useful in sensitizing public opinion but the money itself is easily replaced by Arab oil wealth."

He added, "The loss of cultural and intellectual leaders is not. Without their support and involvement.UNESCO loses its purpose as a non-political force for universality and intellectual cooperation in the promotion of culture and becomes an irrelevant body."

Resolutions adopted by the B'nai B'rith board of governors included call for government regulations to safeguard democratic institutions from subversion by "any massive infusions of Arab oil and other cartel money" into the U.S. economy. Such regulations might be needed to prevent any large takeover of newspapers, broadcasting stations and other media with recycled petro-dollars, the board declared.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

ANNUAL MEETING
of the
UNITED JEWISH WELFARE FUND OF TORONTO
will be held on
Thursday, February 6th at 8:00 p.m.
at Beth Tikvah Synagogue
3080 Bayview Avenue

The annual meeting will be asked to vote on the following resolution:

The Board of Directors of United Jewish Welfare Fund reaffirms in principle the negotiations of the United Jewish Welfare Fund and The Canadian Jewish Congress—Central Region towards a community restructuring for all of the Toronto programs of both organizations and recommends to the annual meeting that the incoming Board of Directors be authorized to negotiate and finalize such a restructuring based generally upon the document as approved.

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3	W. Gunther Plaut	Rabbi
4	Donald Carr	Lawyer
5	Stuart Rosenberg*	Rabbi
6	Phil Granovsky	Business Executive
7	Mark Levy	Industrialist
8	Sydney Harris	Lawyer
9	Harry Wolfson**	Economist
10	David Satok	Real Estate Executive
11	Joe Tanenbaum	Land Developer
12	Phil Givens	Lawyer, MPP
13	Benjamin Schneider	Executive Vice-President, United Jewish Welfare Fund
14	Stephen Berger	Civil Engineer
15	Sydney Midanik	Lawyer
16	Abe Posluns	Financier
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18	Al Green	Real Estate Executive
19	Herb Solway	Lawyer
20	Albert J. Latner	Real Estate Executive

** Rabbi Rosenberg retained his position in the leadership until the Beth Tzedec controversy. The author acknowledges the possibility of some changes in the list had the interviews been conducted at a more recent date.*

***Deceased*

Spector has proved to be a natural leader

By ELLIE COLEMAN

MONTREAL — Norman Spector, 1975 General Chairman for the Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Campaign, has had a strong commitment to the Jewish community for the last 20 years.

As a youth in New York he was not a promising student in high school; he had no particular ambitions. In 1945, when he graduated and entered the U.S. army, no one, including Spector, dreamed he would prove to be a natural leader.

The young G.I. was an instructor at Fort Dix within a year, however, and by 1946 he was with the American 1st Infantry Division in Germany, organizing a program to re-habilitate Bavarian youth.

Trying to untwist minds which had been nourished on Goebbel's propaganda was a herculean task for a 20-year-old soldier.

"We were trying to instill the idea of democracy, to reverse the process that Hitler had begun," he recalled. "Most of the young people were around 25, older than me. We gave them food, and that's what they actually came for. We couldn't really change them. I became disenchanted with the program ..."

Spector turned to another mammoth task of the post-Holocaust era, the re-location of displaced persons. As a motor pool sergeant, he accompanied the Jewish chaplain on visits to the Batholtz Displaced Persons Camp and on his own initiative, delivered luxury items such as soap and candy bars to the concentration camp survivors.

The United States government appointed Spector liaison officer between the U.S. Army and organizations concerned with the fate of displaced persons: the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Association, the International Refugee Organization and the American Joint Distribution Committee. He assisted in the settlement of displaced persons to Israel, Mexico, Australia, Argentine, Canada and the U.S.

The expertise he gained working with refugees has been of great benefit to the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society here.

By 1949, the future community leader was back in Montreal studying arts at McGill University. A small U.S. army bursary and summer earnings he gained driving a taxi allowed Spector not only to complete his studies, but to purchase the oil tanker-truck his father needed for his wood and coal business. Apparently, Spector became the only McGill student to drive an oil tanker to school.

"The "poor student" from Baron Byng High (his family moved to Montreal from New York when he was a boy) went from McGill to New York University, where he studied combustion engineering, a five-year course.

Spector returned to Montreal and teamed up with Danny Albert at S. Albert & Co. Ltd., a fuel oil business where he is executive vice-president. He and Albert co-author a column in the **Montreal Gazette** called **Man and His Home** and have published a book by the same name.

Norman Spector

Numerous Jewish agencies, hospitals and associations have benefitted from Spector's participation over the past two decades. He was a leader at the Golden Age Association for 10 years, serving as vice-president there.

For five years he has been chairman of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society Scholarship Fund. In 1967, Israel Bonds named him man of the year for the town of Cote St. Luc. He has been an associate chairman for the Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund for the past three years.

This year, in addition to leading the 1975 campaign, he is president of Beth Zion Congregation.

"I'm not the only person leading the campaign," Spector told **The Canadian Jewish News,** "I'm more the symbol of the leadership."

Three credos guide Norman Spector through his 18-hour work-days. "Live each day as if it were your last; do unto others as you would have them do unto you; never hurt a man weaker than yourself."

"If, in a meeting, I see that a man is having difficulty expressing himself or defending his point of view, I give him the opportunity to vent himself," he added by way of example.

Composed, soft-spoken Norman Spector, whose concerns in a day can range from the advantages of the battery-operated car to encouraging attendance at his first campaign strategy meeting, admits he is capable of losing his cool.

"Sure I can fly off the handle ... And sometimes I'd like to have more time. My wife always has theatre tickets. There are hockey games ... I've been to six movies during this past year ... My resolution for 1976 will be to improve my tennis."

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Ex-Canadians at ZOC parley

TORONTO — Some 120 former Canadians now living in Israel will attend the 41st annual national convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada to be held in Jerusalem on Feb. 26 - 27, 1975.

According to George Liban, executive vice-president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, over 350 delegates, including the Israeli Canadians, are expected to take part in the forthcoming convention.

Among the ex-Canadians due to participate at the convention at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel are Jarvis Freedman, Ottawa; Maxwell Schwartz, Montreal; Mildred and Berko Devor, Toronto. All four belong to the Israel Resident Committee, which has made an invaluable contribution in helping to organize the upcoming convention.

A feature of this year's convention will be the premiere of a specially written musical composition called **T'Filat Shalom.** This adagio for violin and piano was composed for

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Community's power structure is analyzed

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Of the 20 leaders profiled in the chart, 16 received at least some university education, but the majority had only a moderate level of Jewish education. Ten were born in Toronto, two in England, two in the United States, three in Poland, one in Germany, one in Romania and one in Hungary, although even the foreign-born have lived most of their adult lives in Canada.

Their median age is 56 and they gravitate to suburban or midtown places of residence (notably Forest Hills) with a substantial Jewish population. Absent from the list of influentials are women, young people 40 and below, academicians, North African Jews and other recent immigrants, and people whose livelihood range from poor to modest. Glickman also maintains that despite the appearance of two prominent rabbis in the upper quartile of the list, clerical influence on Jewish community politics is minimal. Their position must be attributed to the two powerful synagogues they represent or represented and not to the Rabbinate as an institution, which is all but irrelevant to their present or past influence in the community.

Significantly, virtually all of the leaders have held multiple key positions in the community, notably in the Welfare Fund, United Jewish Appeal, Canadian Jewish Congress, the Zionist organizations, in addition to various involvements as executive and board members of the national, regional and local levels. Interestingly, however, no "perfect correlation was found between powerful or influential individuals, and the positions they hold or do not hold. Had this been the case, the most powerful individuals in the community would have been associated with the Welfare Fund, the United Jewish Appeal, and the Canadian Jewish Congress. This does not appear to be the case.

Is there a sense of democracy in the community?

Concerning accountability of the leadership to the various sectors in the community and the existence of a machinery that a person at the bottom can use to effect decisions at the top, the interviewees pointed to "strong, oligarchical tendencies in the community." Glickman adds that the further a person is from the centre of power, the greater is his emphasis of the non-democratic aspects of the leadership. Generally, however, most of the interviewees described the way the community is governed as ranging from quasi-democratic to oligarchic with no sufficient electoral or other effective procedures to give the individual a share in promulgating top-level decisions.

Glickman **continues:** "The only procedure available to the individual is influence through interest or pressure groups, which may occasionally effect some change, but on monetary matters — the hub of the community control system — the individual is virtually powerless."

In his opinion, the existence of a community establishment, although diffuse, has been reinforced by the virtual lack of organized political opposition, by the single and narrowly-based leadership recruitment program, by the lack of a vigorous and independent Jewish press and by the absence from the elite of various fringe groups.

Whatever political "opposition" exists in the community consists of hard-core ultra-Orthodox groups, the "golf club" assimilationists, the Jewish Defence League, elements in the academic community, Oriental Jews, diehard leftists, and iconoclasts such as Rabbi Reuben Slonim. Their dissident opinions, however, — no matter how important in their immediate constituencies — remain unheard in important matters.

Those interviewed believe that women are progressively increasing their visibility — and at times their power — within the various organizations. The change in their status is attributed to the influence of women's liberation and to the fact that they are increasingly freed from domestic responsibilities.

Jewish intellectuals are described in the report as "a truly alienated group." The consensus among intellectuals is that men of ideas have no influence in community affairs. Professionals in Jewish organizations reply that intellectuals are reluctant to "get involved" and all too often dwell on abstract problems that have no real relevance to the community. The intellectuals retort by saying that "it is the money brokers in the community who are calling the shots — a hard-nosed element who raise the money and always play on their own terms."

Glickman writes that the prevailing opinion among the persons interviewed is that crucial decisions are made prior to a show of hands at the committee level through private negotiations between key figures, lobbying, personal influence and other "non-institutional" methods. Most, however, felt that the committees were not merely "rubber stamps" functioning solely to ratify predetermined facts, at the very least because the decision-makers would be wise not to set a decision in motion without assessing the committee's response.

The relationship between professionals and lay leaders in the decision-making process is of vital importance. It appears that a delicate balance has developed, with the leadership confining themselves with matters of a political nature, and the professionals providing a sense of continuity to the organization through the initiation and execution of higher-policy decisions. However, says Glickman, "the boundaries between these ... areas tend to be quite flexible, depending on the strengths and weaknesses of the personalities involved in the process."

Finally, when asked to describe the personality characteristics of the leaders, the interviewees used diverse terms as "sophisticated," "aggressive," "achievement-oriented," "flexible," "extrovert," and the like. Commitment to the Jewish community and to Jewish values were considered of chief importance. But, being pragmatists, many a respondent judged the quality of leadership by "output" rather than motives.

Although respectful of "positive" attributes such as integrity and honesty, they considered such traits as "extra bonuses" in a rather imperfect and at times ruthless political process. The community leaders spoke, however, respectfully and civilly about each other, and although they vigorously differ on various issues and form temporary or lasting alliances, they are capable of uniting in times of emergency.

There is, in sum, enough unanimity and shared experience to make many decisions a foregone conclusion, but also enough fragmentation and competition to sustain a decision-making process appreciably less deterministic that would be the case in an absolute oligarchy.

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About to come of age

Two separate entities detrimental to both Welfare Fund, Congress

It would seem that the Toronto Jewish Community is about to come of age.

The re-structuring of the corporate organization of the community by a fusion of the activities presently undertaken by the United Jewish Welfare Fund and the Toronto programs of the Canadian Jewish Congress should be welcomed as an essential step for Toronto Jewry to take.

The question is now some nine years old. It was shelved temporarily during the three years' tenure of the former occupant of the chair of the Central Region of CJC. It was, however, a subject which, by its very nature, could not disappear. Those who have been deeply involved in community activity in either "umbrella" organization have long realized that the maintenance of the two separate entities was a detriment to the constituents of both.

Milton Harris, the present chairman of CJC. Central Region, reopened the matter when he approached the UJWF with a proposal for the creation of the Toronto Jewish Congress. The Toronto Jewish Congress, as an integral part of Canadian Jewish Congress, would subsume all Welfare Fund activities and the Toronto programs of CJC.

His proposal, which preserves, as an essential feature, the representational nature of Congress, has now been accepted in principle by the Executive Committee of UJWF and by its board of directors. It moves now to the annual meeting of UJWF. Having been aired thoroughly by the officers of Central Region of Congress and by its executive committee, it is on the agenda of the Regional Council — the supreme decision making body of the Region.

There are, apparently, still those who oppose such re-structuring. They have a right to do so. But they also have the obligation not to misrepresent the proposals and not to use language bordering on incitement when they run out of logical arguments.

Some of the more strident voices raise the spectre of lack of democracy in the new structure. With Congress having at least an equal say in the format of Toronto Jewish Congress, with it being an inseparable part of Toronto Jewish Congress, with it being an inseparable part of Congress nationally and with such a great overlapping of individuals who serve both organizations, the allegation is nonsense.

An attack is made on the perfectly regular process of decision-making through the constitutional bodies, and allegations are made that something is being "forced through"; there is talk of "stratagems." "Democracy," one supposes, exists for them only when the decisions taken coincide with their own views.

The proposals are rejected by some as an assault on Congress by the Welfare Fund.

The fact is, that they are the proposals of, and have the full support, of Congress leaders. The retiring Saul Hayes — "Mr. Canadian Jewish Congress" — (who can hardly be accused of not having Congress interests at heart or of wishing to subvert that national organization), strongly urged implementation of merger.

Passions are raised by representing the decision makers at Welfare Fund as "Geverim" and those at Congress as "the Massen." A quick look around the tables of power of both gives the lie to that. We are in the 70's and not the 30's. Though there is still tragic poverty in our community, political catch phrases of another era are irrelevant to the issues being discussed. Leaders of both organizations can do more for our community ills together, than apart.

The cry has long been that the Welfare Fund is undemocratic, and that those who have a voice in Congress have no voice in the allocation of funds for the implementation of important programs. yet, while fighting the re-structuring which will give those "Congress voices" a place in what are now exclusively Welfare Fund activities, those same opponents talk of Welfare Fund "killing" Congress if the proposals are rejected and if the Welfare Fund moves to make itself more representative — an unimplemented decision which it made as long ago as 1967.

The need for integration of the two entities is patent. Programs affecting such things as youth, chaplaincy, teacher training, to name a few, have too long fallen between two stools and have been neglected. "Priorities" as seen by Congress have too long had no mechanism to be fed into the examination of priorities by the Welfare Fund. Congress has too long been an impotent debating society in many vital areas. Petty institutional jealousies have too long undermined staff and laymen alike and frittered away their precious time. The community deserves much more. As Jewry moves into what may prove to be one of the most difficult and testing periods in recent history, our community cannot afford to be fragmented.

It is time for the opponents to demonstrate their statesmanship, to join in ensuring that Toronto Jewish Congress will work and to have faith in ourselves and in each other, before time passes them by and they are overwhelmed by the tide of reason.

Now is the time for us to go forward as a unified community. Toronto Jewish Congress will not be a monolith, with no room for debate and differing views, but a true parliament of Toronto Jewry and an essential part of Canadian Jewish Congress nationally. The means and resources to implement decisions will at last be in the one place where decisions can be made truly on behalf of the whole community.

Rabbi's remarks about Cuba ignore fair treatment of Jewish citizens

Rabbi David Monson, spiritual leader of Beth Sholom Synagogue, told an audience here last week that Jews should not set foot in Cuba because Havana has a contingent of troops on the Syrian side of the Golan Heights. The rabbi, angered by the visit of Canadian Jews to Castro's Cuba, reportedly said: "One hundred Jews left on a vacation for Cuba last week. Wait till I get my hands on them."

We disagree with Rabbi Monson's remarks. They are intemperate, illogical and convey the false impression that the majority of Jews in this country are indifferent to the documented social and economic improvements that have occurred in Cuba since the 1959 upheaval. If Jews are to boycott Cuba, it behooves them to avoid Russia, China, Eastern Europe, Germany, Austria, Italy and other nations which practice or have practiced anti-Semitism or have taken an anti-Israel position on the Middle East dispute.

Although Cuba's stance toward Israel is regrettable, it should not be confused with its attitude towards its tiny Jewish population. According to Allan Rose, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress who was recently in Cuba, the Zionist centre, the Jewish library, the kosher restaurant and the Albert Einstein Jewish school are all functioning in that country. According to other sources, synagogue facilities are also available to Cuba's few thousand Jews. As of some years ago, five synagogues were still thriving, including two shuls of the Sephardi Shevet Ahim and Adas Israel in Havana, and Beth Israel, a Reform Temple which conducts prayers in English. As well, the Cuban authorities continue to display their understanding of Jewish needs by permitting the acquisition of unleavened bread and special products for the Jewish holidays. In spite of its Marxist orientation, Havana does not suppress its Jews as does Russia, and discontented Jews are permitted to leave without much difficulty.

To the best of our knowledge, the Castro government has adopted a fair and conciliatory position towards the Jewish community. Indeed, as the Encyclopaedia Judaica points out, anti-Semitism — a feature of Cuban life prior to World War II — petered out after the revolution in 1959. And significantly, the revolution brought about, for the first time in the history of Cuban Jewry, the appointment of a Jewish cabinet minister.

Let us not forget, too, that it was the old reactionary Cuba which in 1939 barred the entry of the Saint Louis, filled with a forlorn cargo of Jewish refugees fleeing Nazism. And let us also remember that Batista's Cuba was the only Latin American country which voted against the Palestine partition plan in 1947. Where were the cries of indignation before 1959 or during the terrible 30's?

In the interests of fairness, we suppose that Rabbi Monson might have been carried away by his rhetoric. But in the future he should pause before going off on a tangent about Cuba or any other country. If Jews follow his advice to boycott Cuba, they should logically stay away from the greater part of the world — which happens to be anti-Israel in one degree or another.

Rabbi Monson's unfortunate statement is by implication a clarion call to Jewish isolation, a scourge which Jews must oppose with all their power.

Israel defence forces butchers make sure there is no wastage as they cut up meat to feed soldiers. The Supply Corps is increasing control and inspection measures. But the main guiding principle remains to ensure fresh and sufficient meat. (IPPA photo)

Campaign to legalize abortion is waged in Israeli Knesset

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

One of Israel's lesser-known industries has an estimated annual turnover of 24 million Israeli lirot (about $4,000,000) — and it is all untaxed. Its name: illegal, private abortion, and member of Knesset Marcia Freedman, from the three-person Citizens' Rights Movement, headed by Shulamit Aloni, is spearheading a campaign to legalize abortion in Israel.

"The law as it stands in Israel, resembles the 1929 British legislation. In other words, abortion may be performed only to save the mother's life, or if her health is endangered by the pregnancy," Ms. Freedman said. "The tendency since the 1950s, with a few modifications, has simply been not to enforce the law," she explained. The law enforcement authorities were probably being realistic; with an estimated 40,000 abortions per year in Israel (Ministry of Health figures), the flood of prosecutions would otherwise have been unmanageable.

But according to Ms. Freedman, this non-enforcement of the law has merely created a large private market for abortions. "The going price for an abortion is upwards of 600 lirot. This clearly discriminates against the poor, most of whom use either no means of contraception whatsoever, or only the most primitive varieties. Because they cannot come up with the money, they are being forced to bear unplanned children."

Questioned about a recent demonstration, at which her nine-year-old daughter carried a placard reading: 'I am a wanted child,' Ms. Freedman hastened to clarify: "Of course we are not advocating abortion as a means of contraception. If there were only planned parenthood and self-help clinics generally available to those who want them, it would be terrific. But what we are after at this time, is to recognize abortion as a fact in Israel, to liberalize the law and extend its protection to those wishing to terminate their pregnancies."

Coinciding with the recent launching of International Women's Year, two private member's bills are to come before the Knesset. One, signed by women from many parties, calls for implementation of the recommendations of a committee appointed to examine the restrictions applying to induced abortions, whose report was submitted to the Ministry of Health in November of last year.

These recommendations would legalize abortions in a variety of circumstances. But according to Ms. Freedman, they do not go far enough. "There are a number of objections to the methods suggested. Approval of abortions would have to be by committee. This is not only humiliating, but cumbersome. It involves bureaucratic delay when every minute counts."

Hence, another private member's bill has been tabled on the initiative of Ms. Freedman, which would guarantee abortion on demand in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

Asked to comment on Canadian Minister of Justice Otto Lang's celebrated remark that the notion that a woman is entitled to be the sole arbiter of whether she should bear the child she is carrying, is "silly," Ms. Freedman replied: "I would say to Mr. Lang, that a woman's body does not belong to the government or the Ministry of Health, or even to the father of the foetus."

Asked whether the foetus did not also have rights, she said, "clearly, there is a conflict. But it is the woman who is already in existence. She is a living, functioning adult and her welfare simply counts more."

Much of the spadework for the tabling of these motions was carried out by the Feminist Movement of Israel, which she helped found in Haifa three years ago. Recently, they held demonstrations all over Israel and collected 30,000 signatures calling for the legalization of abortion in Israel.

Marcia Freedman is a philosophy teacher by profession. She settled in Israel in 1969

Marcia Freedman, M.K.

and until the last elections, taught in the philosophy department of Haifa University. Becoming a member of Knesset after barely four years in the country, makes her record of absorption and integration into Israeli society one of the most stunning performances ever. But Ms. Freedman who comes from Newark, New Jersey, believes that North Americans have a great deal to contribute to the moulding of Israeli society.

She wrote recently that the old distrust and envy of Americans has been replaced in Israel by a new respect for America's record of material progress, the diversity of political styles, and the vibrancy of her cultural life. Israelis who are travelling more, and finding more to criticize in Israel on their return, are ripe for what she called "a natural alliance between the the young Sabra Israeli and the new immigrant Israelis from America."

In her mid-thirties, with a thoughtful and engagingly courteous manner, Ms. Freedman diverges refreshingly from the flamboyant, "busy-busy" manner of the stereotyped, Isreali political personality.

She is hopeful of success for the campaign to legalize abortion in Israel. "Surprisingly, there has been almost no organized opposition. The bills were tabled when the National Religious Party was out of government and there is a free vote on them, not a party vote," she said.

Looking to the future, Marcia Freedman, who describes herself as "one of the few practising feminists in Israel," said: "My pet projects are all feminist ones. The abortion issue came up now because it was relatively easy to handle. But we shall be moving on to bigger and more general issues, such as discrimination in education and employment and the whole question of women's status in personal law."

Letters to the Editor

Reader fears opening of pandora's box if schools 'integrate' with public system

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my alarm at the course of discussions between our Jewish Board of Education and the North York board committee (**Canadian Jewish News**, Friday, January 24). I am amazed that to date, no public voice of dissent has yet been heard.

Anyone who has read the "Feasibility Report concerning the Integration of Jewish Schools" submitted by Mr. H.R. Partlow to the North York Board of Education, and who has followed carefully the subsequent discussions, must surely be aware that "integration" as presently understood implies total capitulation of our Jewish Schools' independence.

No amount of verbal acrobatics and casuistry can conceal the fact that concerned Jewish educationists will no longer be masters in our schools, these will become in the full sense of the word "public schools." The general studies' principals will no longer necessarily be our choices. We will not be able to meet the requisite teacher-student ratios in our classes. There is no way of artificially grafting together classes from different schools with different ideologies to achieve this end. As practised in the public schools, an open-door admissions policy — with all its ramifications — will be forced upon us. Even if initial good will may ease some of these problems, and I have mentioned but a few, we have no guarantees that a subsequent majority vote of a tough-minded North York board will not reverse our hard-won concessions.

I can appreciate why the proposal seems attractive in the present inflationary times. However, I am afraid that far from proving a facile panacea for our financial problems, integration will but open for the Jewish community a pandora's box of troubles.

If integration is effected, and I hope I am not prophetic, we shall have neutralised the vaunted advances that have been made in our local Jewish schools in the past decades at the cost of great sacrifice and selflessness. I am afraid that one of the first casualties will be our own Jewish Board of Education.

I cannot understand the present deadline of achieving full integration for two schools by September 1975. Can our Jewish board be sure to have by that date iron-clad guarantees that the integrity of these schools will be preserved? Or will the discussions continue afterwards? Or is this but the thin edge of the wedge to create a fait accompli? Premier Rabin has pointed out the unreasonableness and futility of setting up deadlines in matters of crucial concern.

I would strongly urge we abandon this present chase up a blind alley.

Let us rather fight what will undoubtedly be a longer and much more arduous battle. Let us stand up for our rights as fellow-Canadian citizens to have a fair share of our tax monies directed, in some way or other, to the support of the Jewish Day schools to which we send our children.

Rabbi Mordecai Ochs
Toronto.

Dear Editor:

A basic bond of the Jewish people is its common language, which has been in use over 3,000 years. It is the carrier of our tradition, the force that gives us our never-changing identity. Jewish education has suffered from faulty communication, aggravated by the uprooting of Jewish communities that were driven from country to country.

Consequently, there are in use various phonetics and dialects from all these different communities: Poland, Russia, Lithuania, Romania, Galicia, Morocco, Germany, Iraq and Yemen and various ones from several districts in each of most of these countries. Almost all of these dialects may be heard in any large Jewish community in the world. "You shall teach them to your sons" means also to do so in the simplest manner and use the only traditional phonetics system.

This phonetics system is well known from Jewish communities that preserved its use to date and from research into the Semitic languages. This research cast light upon seemingly misunderstood references in our Talmud, the irrevocable record of our tradition or identity.

Teshuvah is an ever valid precept, to return to our "identity" from any wrong habit or deed.

Torah reading in synagogues merits early attention. Jews from the Orient are first in agreement with this "Teshuvah," wholehearted repentence and return to a strong united people, who shall understand each other better with the correct phonetics in the main language of our tradition.

H.L. Frankel
Toronto.

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Elderly Foster Home program of the Jewish Family & Child Service of Toronto, I would like to thank you for covering and publicizing our program.

The article covered most of the highlights and goals of the program, but, unfortunately, did not emphasize our most important need at this point — namely, families interested in becoming involved in the program. The waiting list of elderly requiring a foster home is long, but the number of families available, at this point, is very few.

Yes, as you stressed, funding is a problem, but my agency will worry about that if the Jewish community responds and floods our phones with requests to be foster families for the elderly.

Perry Romberg,
Co-ordinator, Elderly Foster Home Program,
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ask the rabbi

It is intention of talit's techelet to direct heart, mind to heaven

1. What is the significance of the lines woven into the talit, which appear as black in wool ones and blue in silk?

Can we first examine the interesting question of the original thread of blue in the tsitsit? The verse states: "Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them throughout their generations fringes in the corners of their garments, and that they put with the fringe of each corner a thread of blue" (Numbers 15:38). The Jerusalem Talmud (Berachot 1:5) states, in the name of Rabbi Meir, that the techelet (the word translated as "blue") resembles the color of the sea, the sea resembles grass and grass resembles the color of the heavens i.e. so that the techelet is intended gradually to direct man's heart and mind heavenwards. From this it would seem that the techelet was a bluish green color. This dye was said to be obtained from the snail chillazon and the Talmud distinguishes it from the similar dye kela ilan, indigo. The Mishna (Menachot 4:1) rules that while it is advisable for the thread of techelet to be put into the tsitsit its absence does not render them invalid. Owing to the uncertainty of identification of the chillazon, it became the practice in post-Talmudic times to have only white threads in the tsitsit.

It is well-known that the 19th century Chassidic master, Rabbi Gershon Leiner, the Radziner Rebbe, claimed to have rediscovered the ancient dye and the Radziner Chassidim, as well as one or two other Chassidic groups, do now insert the blue thread into the tsitsit. The majority of rabbinical authorities, however, did not accept the Radziner Rebbe's claim.

Professor Mordecai Kaplan has recently argued that the techelet was, in fact, the famed purple dye used by the Roman rulers, "wearing the purple," and that this is why the techelet was discontinued. It was dangerous to wear a garment with this dye since it suggested that the Jews were in revolt against Rome.

Kaplan takes his argument a step further and says that, if this is the reason, Jews nowadays ought proudly to wear the techelet as a token of Jewish nobility. Be that as it may, it is not the normal practice for the techelet to be worn.

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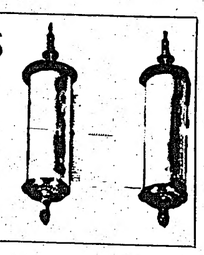
Best way to win G-d's vote is by being honest with self

sparks from the torah



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Yitro

V'chol ha'am ro'eem et hakolot ... and all the people saw the thunderings ...

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What makes this world interesting is that one man's cup of tea is another man's vodka — every person is a universe to himself ...

Once Rabbi Yitzchok of Vurka worked as a manager of a fruit grove. While he was walking with a Jewish workman, he mused to himself, "you know, it wouldn't be such a big sin if I stole a little bit for myself ..." The workman commented — "you're darn right ... I've taken some fruit now and then ..." The Rabbi looked at him shocked, "I'm talking about stealing some time in order to sit and study a little Torah. But steal, really steal —" When the workman realized what type of "thief" he was working for, he was so taken that he immediately did **teshuva** ... (Sipuray Chassidim)

Moses had his problem with such "ganoveem" also. When the Almighty gave the Torah at Mount Sinai, he told Moses — "warn the Jews not to touch the mountain or else — **sakol yeesakall** — they will be zapped by stoning." A little while later, G—d, again told Moses — "go down and warn them again — pen yehersu el Hashem leer'ot — lest they break through in order to see ..." Moses wondered, "you already warned them, why repeat it? " But the Almighty explained, "Moshe, you don't know my 'Yiddelech.' Some of them are are so tough, that if you tell them ten times over that they will be killed, they say — 'killed, schmilled, to get closer to the Ribono shel Olam, it's all worth it' ... So tell them that it's not only dangerous, but also an avairoh — transgression ... that will stop them ..." (Rabbi David of Kotzk)

How does a person reach such a level of piety that he's willing to cast everything aside for G—d? By learning how to ride the "Mitzvah Roller Coaster." What do I mean? When the Jews were to receive the Torah the Almighty told Moses, **"v'keedashtom hayom u'machar** — sanctify them today and tomorrow ..." G—d told Moses, "you should know that when a Jew keeps the commandments, it's like a roller coaster — one minute it's up, up, and the next minute it hurtles down. Sometimes a Jew is up, he burns with hislahavut to keep the mitzvot, and the next day, or week he is cold, everything seems a burden. Tell them that when they sanctify themselves, it should be for today and tomorrow — they should take a little bit of ardor they have when they are in a state of great G—dliness, and hold on to it even the next day when they fall from their high 'madregah' — level ..." (Pardais Yosef)

Actually, we can do very little without "seyato d'shmayo," the help of Heaven ... and the best way to win the Almighty's vote is by being honest — especially with ourselves. That's why we find an interesting thing. The first word uttered by G—d at Sinai was Anochee" — which begins with the letter, Aleph. The first word of the sacred Mishneh of Oral Law is, "May'-amosy" — which begins with the letter Mem. And the first word of the gemara is "Tana" — which begins with the letter Tuf ... **Aleph, Mem, Tuf,** that begin the three sections of our Torah, make up the word, Emet — truth ... without truth we can't begin to know G—d's word ... (Ituray Torah)

But the the truth is, as much as we speak about G—d, who can even begin to understand him? The holy Baal Shem Tov, a few minutes before he passed away, raised his hands to heaven and cried — "Every secret I learned about the nature of the Ribono Shel Olam I cast aside. I believe in him with the plain faith of the simplest Jew

May G—d cast His light on Zion. Shabbat Shalom.

What Really Happened

Business and community prospered with the entry of youthful immigrant

By A.J. ARNOLD

[One of a series on Toronto's history]

In 1879, when the firm of M. & L. Samuel & Co., encountered financial difficulties after a depression, a new source of capital was found in the person of Alfred D. Benjamin, a young English Jew. The choice proved to be a very happy one not only for the firm, which soon became M. & L. Samuel, Benjamin & Co., but also for the Jewish community.

A.J. Arnold

It almost seems as though Lewis Samuel checked out the community and religious background of Alfred Benjamin before taking him into partnership. Benjamin quickly became one of the most devoted participants in synagogue services and before long the congregation elected him Parnas. It is even said that he would offer Jewish workers a job on condition that they would come to Sabbath services at the Richmond Street synagogue.

In 1892, Alfred Benjamin was elected president of Holy Blossom. He was the prime mover in the building campaign for the Bond Street Synagogue and he and his brother Frank made the largest contributions of $5,000 each to the building fund.

S.J. Birnbaum, recorder of the early history of the Jews in Toronto, reports that Alfred Benjamin also served as vice-president of the Hebrew Benevolent Society, treasurer of the Toronto Branch of the Anglo-Jewish Association, treasurer of the Zion society, president of the Talmud Torah Association, and teacher at the Hebrew School. A report of the Anglo-Jewish Association for 1896 states: "Thanks to the zeal of our treasurer, Mr. A.D. Benjamin, we have been in a position to keep up our quota of contributions to the head office."

In June, 1897, Alfred Benjamin, as president of the congregation, took a leading part in a formal protest in behalf of the Toronto Jewish community against an Anglican request to the school board to introduce religious instruction in the public schools.

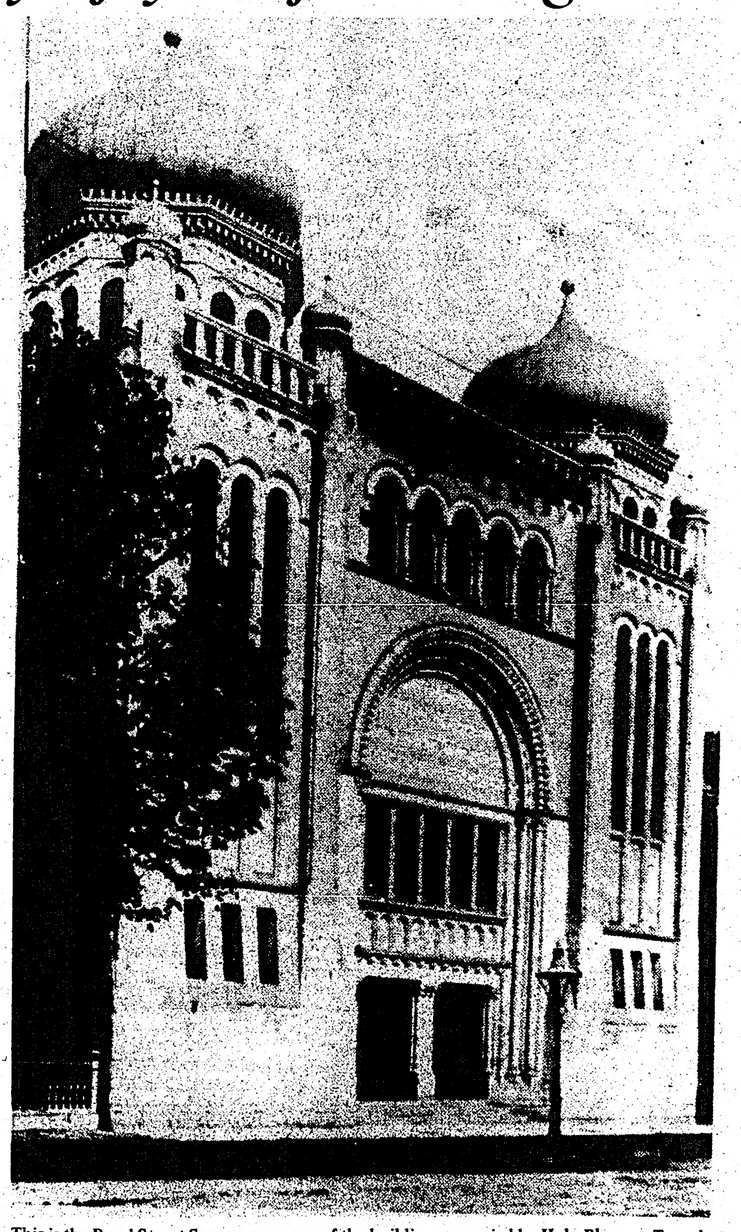
Benjamin appeared before the school board's management committee together with Rabbi Abraham Lazarus and Edmund Scheuer, then the superintendant of the Holy Blossom Sunday School.

The Jewish delegation told the board that if the Anglican proposal was approved it would "encroach upon our rights and liberties" and "would strike a severe ... blow at the very root principle underlying the institution of the public school."

It was also pointed out that "Jews do not maintain, demand or wish for separate schools." But if religion were introduced in the public schools "we should be forced in self-defence ... to petition the government to give us the same privileges as our Roman Catholic fellow citizens ... the erection of separate schools for us also."

The Jewish brief suggested this might lead to separate schools for each denomination. Showing an awareness of school problems in other parts of the country it added: "The Manitoba difficulty would be transplanted to Toronto."

The board was told that Jewish "Sabbath School" classes were being conducted three times a week "because we recognize the necessity of religious instruction for our children" and suggested that "the church follow the example of the synagogue" by putting more effort into their own "Sabbath Schools." The issue remained unsettled for several months.



This is the Bond Street Synagogue—one of the buildings occupied by Holy Blossom Temple. Alfred Benjamin was prime mover of building campaign for shul which opened in 1896.

When the Bond Street synagogue was officially opened in September, 1897, Alfred Benjamin commented in his presidential address that the introduction of "doctrinal teaching" in the public schools "would be little less than a public calamity."

After the **Toronto World** carried a detailed report on the opening of the synagogue, it received a letter from a certain Duncan MacTavish asking the editor if he had joined the synagogue and if his "real name was Isaacson and not McGillean." To this the editor responded: "The principles announced by Rabbi Lazarus and President Benjamin ... are such as will receive the hearty commendation of all who wish to see harmony prevail in this country." **The World** then reprinted the full text of Alfred Benjamin's address.

In October, the Anglicans returned to the school board to seek a reversal of the management committee's recommendation against religious instruction. **The Toronto World** reported that one of the Anglican prelates "made a running fire of sarcastic comment upon the manifesto of the Jewish rabbis" and ended up by asking whether Christianity or Judaism was "to rule the education policy of the country ..." But many board members spoke up against sectarian instruction in the schools.

It soon turned out that the Jews were not the only denomination opposed to the idea. The Baptists appeared before the school board to express opposition because "it violates the principle of separation of church and state." The Baptists suggested: "If denominational teachers are countenanced then anarchists, agnostics and atheists must be allowed to teach."

The Baptists apparently had the last word on the subject at that time because they appeared in support of an opinion by the school board's solicitor that the board had no power to grant permission for religious instruction in the schools during regular hours.

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'Slackers make me sad'

You and United Jewish Appeal --it's all a matter of conscience

By J.B. SALSBERG

As most (if not all) of you know the capital letters UJA stand for United Jewish Appeal. What should also be known to all is that UJA is the unified, money-raising instrument of the Jewish community as a whole, for the purpose of meeting its collectives, voluntarily assumed, financial commitments to Israel as well as to local, Dominion-wide and international Jewish institutions and agencies.

In other words: Rather than have a dozen or more financial campaigns in our communities; following one another or clashing with each other throughout the year, as was the case many years ago, we now have one major, coordinated and intensely concentrated drive to raise the amounts necessary for all our major financial obligations at home and abroad. That's what UJA is all about.

The lion's share of funds raised goes to the United Israel Appeal and the balance, to much smaller portion, goes to the United Jewish Welfare Fund. In addition to meeting the local needs for education, Jewish Congress, immigration, welfare, Soviet Jewry etc. annual grants are also made by UJWF to the Joint Distribution Committee (overseas help), to ORT etc.

Well, enough of this elementary explanation of the structure, and purpose of UJA. What is immediately troubling me is the same unhappy experience that troubles me during every annual UJA campaign. — I encounter too many people who wiggle, waffle, haggle and who resort to unsavory stratagems in order to escape their elementary Jewish duty and responsibility. They literally desert Israel in its most critical hour; they — desert the Jews in many lands whose physical survival depends on our help; they desert the Jews from backward lands who have to be taught useful trades and they turn their backs on their neighbors — young and old — right here, at home.

Am I angry at such people? Yes, but more than anger they make me sad and I often wonder how they could live with themselves.

The most objectionable ones are those who concoct self righteous excuses for their asocial and amoral behaviour. Everyone who is participating in the campaign encounters such elements. Some are so critical of one or another of Israel's domestic or foreign policies that they would like to starve the Israelis and weaken Israel's defensive capacity by witholding their contributions. Others disapprove of the United Jewish Welfare Fund's priorities and approaches and they are ready to opt out giving. Then there are those who are offended by the "pressures" exerted on them to give" and they threaten to "give nothing."

I am not among those who consider Israel or the Israelis as models of perfection. Nor do I blindly approve the policies of the Israeli government in many domestic and external areas. But what, in heaven's name, has that to do with Israel's urgent needs for survival? There will be no ideal Jewish state if Israel, with all its present blemishes, should be overcome by those who are resolved to destroy it. Only the vicious or the brainless can fail to appreciate this elementary truism.

Or take our United Welfare Fund. I have found many occasions to express my disagreements and my disapproval of certain features of its policies and tactics. But my desire is not to weaken its essential function but to improve it and to gain for it the image which it should, in my opinion, attain. But how can one justify the witholding of funds from that communal agency that is expected to distribute the collected money to a score of our most important institutions at home and abroad? It's a threadbare covering indeed for those who wish to justify their indefensible behavior.

Uncle Eliezer, as usual, insists that I be brutal with what he loves to call "shysters and slackers." But I am, after all, a "yiddisher Gazlen" and, as the father who spanked his young son said, "it hurts me more than it hurts you ..." And, believe me, it hurts more than you may think to be extremely critical ... So I said to my uncle: "After all, the majority in our community are decent, responsible and responsive to the needs of our community and of our people. So perhaps we should engage in singing their praise rather than thunder condemnations on our black (and other colored) sheep.

While praising, I think that the greatest praise should be showered on the men and women of modest and very little means whom one meets at UJA affairs in their societies and landsmanshaften. And a very special garland should go to our aged people, the men and women of Baycrest (Jewish Home for the Aged) who line up — as they do at the Day Care groups — with their modest sums in hand to become partners with the rest of the community in the annual UJA fund — raising drive.

I would like to see the UJA publicity people honor such dedicated old veterans by featuring their pictures in our press and publicity material. They deserve it. They are Jews with a conscience which the slackers are not. And in the final analysis, UJA is a matter of conscience.

In the battle of information systems, Israel is even more hopelessly outnumbered by Arabs

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

JERUSALEM (AJPA) —

Disengagement of forces agreements in the Middle East does not mean an end to the battle. According to Moshe Gilboa, information director of the World Zionist Organization, "we are now in an information war."

Gilboa points out the recent barrage of publicity given to Arab causes in the international media, and notes that in most countries there are 20 Arab embassies or consulates plus a PLO information office as against one Israeli embassy or consulate. Furthermore, Gilboa maintains that 65% of the mass media is in the hands of people hostile to Israel.

This means that in the war of words, Israel is even more hopelessly outnumbered than on the battlefield. What puts her at a further disadvantage is a background of lack of co-ordiantion in her information activities.

Criticism of Israeli handling of public relations, particularly on the part of resident and visiting foreign press, has long been one of the bugbears in Israel's ability to win friends and influence people. There is now a common realization amongst information departments in Israel that the whole field of information demands a dramatic face lift.

Gilboa, who came to his post some eight or nine months ago, has already initiated several new information projects and has many more on the drawing board.

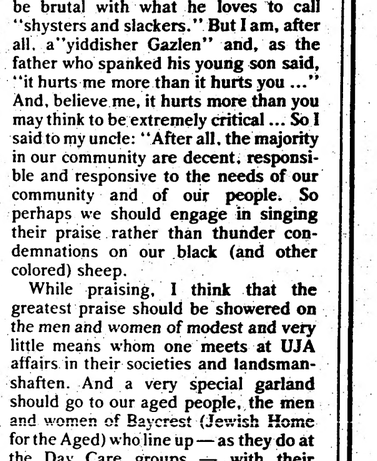
His first priority is the upgrading of information bulletins which are now much more concise and to the point, as well as being much more attractive to the eye. He is also speeding up production of audio-visual programs which are pertinent to current issues, so that the relaying of such information will hit the public before it has time to forget.

When he commissioned a film **Ballad of Kiryat Shemona,** he was insistant that Kiryat Shemona should not be depicted merely as a border town which is subject to terrorist attacks, but as a pioneering settlement which contains all the ingredients of Zionism.

With a background in the foreign office (he was previously consul in Atlanta, ambassador-designate to Zambia and advisor to Abba Eban and Shimon Peres) Gilboa is acutely conscious of the need to avoid duplication of material.

Insofar as the World Zionist Organization is concerned, Gilboa has appointed a distribution co-ordinator, Daved Zomer, whose major responsibility is to get the right information to the right people at the right time. Zomer has also been charged with building up a central Jewish mailing list and with promoting existing Zionist publications such as **Israel Digest** and **Guidelines**.

To stimulate Diaspora interest in such offices, Gilboa is embarking on an annual tri-lingual information seminar, the first of which started this month. Over a three week period, the seminar, which is held in conjunction with Haifa University, will train overseas delegates in the production of information material, the techniques of information and the varieties of information. There will also be intense background briefings on World Jewry and Zionism.



Moshe Gilboa

Until such professionals are trained Gilboa is attempting to utilize the goodwill of Jewish journalists all over the world, both inside and outside the Jewish press. Never one to underestimate the power of the pen, Gilboa is instituting closer contact with Jewish journalists abroad through the medium of a W.Z.O. publication **Journalist** which invites contributions from Jewish journalists on any subject related to Israel, Judaism and Zionism.

He is anxious that lecture bureaus be established in the fastest possible time, as he believes that no operation in the information war is more successful than face to face confrontation.

Garment worker became giant of labor

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

The smell of cigar smoke and the half empty coffee cups seemed to permeate the room where the executive council of the AF of L—CIO was trying to come to grips with two pressing problems, corruption and Communism. It was Jan. 31, 1957. Embroiled in the heated discussion was the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union president, David Dubinsky.

Little did Dubinsky realize, as a 19-year-old boy standing on the deck of an immigrant ship in New York harbour in 1911, how momentous was his decision to quit his life of evading the Czar's police for a new beginning in America.

A mere five feet four inches, Dubinsky's acumen and organizational skills would enable him to become one of the giants in the United States trade union movement.

Gazing at Ellis Island from the ship, Dubinsky could think only of the questions from more customs officers, his lack of English and his desperate need for a job. There was no need to worry. He would pass customs, learn English and be a card-carrying member of Local 10, the Cutters' Union of the ILGWU within six months of arrival.

And there would be more. While adjusting to the American labour union scene, he would meet and marry Emma Goldberg, who shared with him the immigrant's apprehensions and the personal interest in the ILG. With Emma at his side, he would rise to be president of the ILGWU in 1932.

The omnipresent Dubinsky would guide the union over a depression, a world war, and numerous internal and external pressures. In the first two years of his presidency, the union membership would skyrocket from 40,000 to 200,000.

In addition to guiding the union's growth and solvency, under his direction the union would support plays, sports events, summer retreats for members and their families, would send aid to numerous trade unions around the world, including Palestine's Histadrut and the Dutch railway union which suffered much from Nazi occupation.

Standing on the deck on that bitterly cold January day, Dubinsky had no idea of all this nor that one day he would become the first immigrant garment worker to sit on the AF of L executive council. Today he could think only of his training as a baker in Lodz, his Bundist youth, his exile to Siberia, his escape and subsequent quest by the secret police and his chance to come to America and be greeted by Emma Lazarus' words on the Statue of Liberty:

"Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free ..."

Labor leader David Dubinsky

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

CONGRESS ARCHIVES

The Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, Archives collects and preserves historical material on the Jews of Ontario. The committee asks that material of Jewish interest — documents, photographs, books and artifacts — be sent to Congress Archives, and that Jewish organizations place Archives on their mailing list in order that an on-going record of activities can be kept. Also — recently, through ads in the press, the federal government has been requesting Jewish material. If anyone is interested in directing their historical documents to the government, the committee asks that the material be channelled through their office so that the Jewish community can be made aware of their existence and copies can be made. Contact Congress Archives at 150 Beverley St. in Toronto.

STUDENT CAMPAIGN

The Student Mobilization for Israel campaign (UJA-UIA) is in full swing. The goal is $18 (Chai) from every university student in Toronto. A telephone campaign is set for the first week in February. Volunteers are needed and if you can help out, call Victor Miller at 783-3068.

SIGN-IN TO PROTEST UNESCO

In response to UNESCO's exclusion of Israel, Beth Tzedec Congregation's Israel Action Committee has prepared a full-page newspaper ad demanding that the Canadian government withhold its subsidy to UNESCO until the policy against Israel is reversed. A communal sign-in and action seminar is planned for Sunday, Feb.2, beginning at 10 a.m. John Roberts, Liberal MP (St. Pauls), and Professor Norman May, chairman, Professors for Peace in the Middle East, will discuss the issues.

JEWISH BOOK AWARD

A National Jewish Book Award has been established by the Jewish Welfare board Jewish Book Council. The award is for a new English translation of a book originally published before 1920. The translation, from Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino or any other language, must have been done during the two calendar years preceding the presentation of the award. The prize is $500 and a citation, to be presented in the name of Rabbi Jacob Freedman, official translator of the works of Israeli artist Avigdor Hameiri.

CZF INFORMATION PANEL

The Canadian Zionist Federation is sending an information panel on a tour of Western Canada early in February. The team will include Professor Amos Shapira, Faculty of Law, University of Tel Aviv, now visiting professor at Yale Law School; Dr. Chaim Shaked, director, Shiloah Institute for Middle East Studies, Tel Aviv University, now visiting professor at Carleton University, Ottawa; and Gavriel Strasman, CZF director of organization and information. They will be discussing problems of major concern to Israel. A tour of Eastern Canada is planned for April.

MOBILIZATION FOR TOMORROW

The Mobilization for Tomorrow all-day program being presented at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Sunday Feb. 2 has added another name to the list of participants — Yosef Yaakov, information counsellor, Israeli embassy, Ottawa, who will be the featured speaker at the afternoon session. He will give his address at 2 p.m.

INCOME TAX PROBLEMS

A course on income tax law, covering such things as deductions, capital gains, real estate and gifts, is being offered by the Toronto Community Law School Feb. 3,4,5 and 6, at Lawrence Collegiate. The courses, running from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., are free of charge.

CREATIVE LIVING SERIES

Creative Living Centre is planning the Chai study series for four Friday afternoons in February. Lecturers will be Gordon Kushner, Beth Tzedec music director, speaking on **Chassidic Music,** on the 7th; Dr. David Eisen, archivist and author **(Diary of a Medical Student),** on **How Out Toronto Jewish Community Began,** on the 14th; Rabbi Michael Celniker, director of Jewish Public Library, on **The Influence of Printed Jewish Books on the Culture of the Jewish People,** on the 21st; and Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, on the 28th.

SINGERS TAKE NOTE

Interested in singing? Now is a good time to join the Holy Blossom Temple Singers. Under the direction of Cantor Sheldon Merel, they are now going into rehearsal for a new cantata, and are accepting new members from the community. Rehearsals are every Sunday morning. For information call Dorothy Kohen at 789-4351, or the cantor at the temple.

WANT TO DANCE

Modern jazz dancing classes will begin Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Labor Zionist Alliance Centre. Leading the group will be Israeli dancer Aharon Rosen who appeared in **Kazablan** and other films. Classes start at 7:30. p.m.

Fish have occupied prominent historic place

bon appetit

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

From ancient times, fish have figured prominently in Jewish lore.

Since Adam was commanded to exercise dominion over the fish of the sea and the fowl of the air, fishing was an important means of support in the Holy Land and a basic element in the diet in Biblical times.

There are frequent references to fishing in the Tanach and Talmud. Fishing fleets plied the Galilee, and one of the gates in the ancient city of Jerusalem was called the Fish Gate.

But more than this, the fish was the prime symbol of abundance and fertility. The fish, like Adam and Eve was commanded to "be frutiful and multiply."

The association of fish with good fortune is based on the words "and God blessed them ..." which refer to the account of the appearance of fish on the fifth day of the Creation.

As the blessing also appears in the account of the seventh day, the Sabbath, fish have traditionally been considered an appropriate food.

Eating fish on the Sabbath is also associated with the conception of the Sabbath as an anticipation of the messianic era. According to tradition, this era will be inaugurated by a universal feast, in which all will partake of the great, primordial fish, Leviathan. Recalling this promise, fish is eaten on the Sabbath.

The yearning for the era which will be an eternal Sabbath, is echoed in the Havdalah ceremony with which the Sabbath is concluded. Among Sephardic communities, a spice box wrought in the shape of a fish, features frequently in the Havdalah ceremony. These spice boxes are among the finest examples of Jewish ritual art, and carry the connotation of the Sabbath which is to come.

The fish occupies a prominent place in many festival rituals. On Rosh Hashanah, the upper portion of a fish is placed on the table and the diners partake of a morsel of the fish, uttering the hope that Israel will "be at the head and not at the tail." More importantly, however, the fish symbolizes prosperity and fruitfulness in the year to come.

Fish are often seen as a decorative motif in the margins of the scroll of Esther, which is read on Purim. Recalling the deliverance of the Jews from the threat of collective extinction, the fish is partly symbolic of defiance and partly of reassurance, the idea being that the attempts to remove Jewry from the face of the earth will never succeed, and that Jews will be as numerous as the fish in the sea.

Stripped of its richer and subtler symbolism, the fish was often employed as a simple good-luck charm or amulet. Among Oriental Jews, the custom of wearing a gold or silver pendant in the shape of a fish, persists to this day.

Equally widespread until recently, was the Eastern European custom of naming a child Fischl in order to ward off the evil eye.

Here are two fish dishes, well-loved in Jewish cookery. The first recipe, which is for a whole, baked fish, comes from the Balkan and Meditarrannean communities. The second comes from Eastern European — mainly Lithuanian and Russian-cookery.

N.B. — If you make the latter dish with carp, tell the kids to mind the bones.

BAKED WHOLE FISH

1 whole whitefish (1 1/2 lbs.–2 lbs.)
salt and freshly-ground black pepper
1–2 cloves garlic, chopped or crushed
1 large onion, sliced
1 tsp. oregano
4 large tomatoes, chopped
lemon juice
oil
1/2 tsp. basil
1 medium-sized green pepper, sliced thinly
1 stalk celery, finely chopped
sprigs fresh parsley, lemon slices, and black olives for garnish

1. set oven at 350°. Clean fish well and pat dry. Rub fish all over with oil and place on an oiled sheet of heavy tin foil. Squeeze over the fish the juice of half a lemon and sprinkle on a pinch of salt, freshly-ground black pepper, and 1/2 tsp. oregano. Enclose fish in the tin foil and pinch to seal

2. place fish in oven on baking sheet for about 45 minutes or till done. Remove fish from foil and slide on to serving platter

3. while the fish is baking, fry the onions and garlic in 2 tblsp. oil till golden. Add the peppers and celery and simmer for 2 or 3 minutes. Then add the tomatoes and simmer for 5 minutes. Add 1/2 tsp. oregano, the basil, and the juice of half a lemon, and if desired, a little sugar to taste. Continue to simmer, covered, for another 10 minutes

4. cover the fish with the sauce and serve hot, decorated with wafer-thin lemon slices, black olives and sprigs of fresh parsley

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SOUR STEW (EGG AND LEMON FISH)

2 lbs. halibut or carp steaks
1 large onion, sliced
salt, white pepper, and sugar to taste
2 tblsp. oil
2 eggs, beaten
parsley sprigs
2 heaped tsps. cornstarch
juice of 1 large, or 2 small lemons

1. fry the onions in the oil until just golden. Lay the fish slices over the onion. Sprinkle with salt and white pepper and barely cover with warm water. Cover the pan and heat to boiling, then poach the fish very gently for 15 minutes or until just tender. Lift the fish out and place in a shallow serving dish

2. combine the cornstarch with the lemon juice, 1 1/2 cups of the hot fish stock, and sugar to taste. Heat gently in a saucepan stirring continuously with a wooden spoon. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Pour lemon-fish stock mixture on to the beaten eggs. Turn into a double boiler and stir vigorously until the mixture thickens. Take care not to let it boil, or it will curdle

3. pour the egg and lemon sauce over the fish, cool and leave overnight in the refrigerator. Serve cold, garnished with sprigs of parsley, and accompany with a salad and lots of crusty white bread and butter, to mop up the sauce

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Shabbat Shalom!

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Rabbi says issues of women's rights, abortion, 'unrelated'

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

Women's rights and abortion are unrelated issues, Rabbi Immanuel Schochet of Humber College's philosophy department told participants in the adult education program of Shaarei Shomayim synagogue here last week.

His question "What do women have to do with abortion?" drew indignant murmurs from many of the 80 men and women in the audience.

Esther Greenglass

Dr. Esther Greenglass, a York University psychologist and Rabbi Schochet's opponent in the mini-debate, characterized his arguments as typifying "the sexist attitude of traditional religion towards women." Rabbi Schochet explained: "it is not a question of women's rights, it is a question of human rights." Quoting recent genetic theory which holds a unique human entity is present from the moment of impregnation, he raised what he defined as "the basic issue; is the fetus a human life or is it not?

"If the fetus is human, the mother has no more rights over the child within her womb than she has over a child outside it. What assurance can you give me that what you abort is not a human being?"

Dr. Greenglass disagreed. Since contraception is neither perfect nor available to everyone, she insisted "it is not necessary to preserve every fetus. To believe this is to believe in compulsory pregnancy."

Tissue that is the size of a thumbnail is not a human being, she argued.

Her strongest disagreement with present Canadian legislation focussed squarely on the issue of women's rights. According to Dr. Greenglass, by insisting on the approval of a hospital abortion committee the law tells women that "we do not have the intelligence or the judgement to make the decision ourselves."

Questions from the audience drew both participants into each other's territory.

Dr. Greenglass admitted that earlier viability of the fetus raises the issue of a cut-off point in pregnancy beyond which abortion should not be permitted. But, she stated, "we are not dealing at an all-or-nothing level. We are dealing with gradations." In her personal view, abortion at eight weeks is "exactly the same thing" as preventing the pregnancy.

For his part, Rabbi Schochet acknowledged that there are situations in which abortion may be considered. In the extreme case of rape, for example, the existence of the fetus may threaten the mother's sanity to the point where she has the right to self-defence. Dr. Greenglass was quick to argue that the mother's opinion of her mental state is the only one that should count, and that her judgement should be accepted in all cases of unwanted pregnancy.

Although both the audience and the panelists had strong feelings on the issue, discussion was controlled and occasionally funny.

Rabbi Henry Hoschander, the modertor, closed the program with the best line of the evening. Referring to a report of a male contraceptive pill which turns the whites of a man's eyes green when he drinks alcohol, he commented, "I presume that the fact that they turned green meant, 'go ahead!' "

...about people

Benny Cohen

(Gadi Hoz photo)

Benny Cohen is saving money to have his Bar Mitzvah at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. One of the ways he is adding to his bank account is through a newspaper route in his home-town Winnipeg. And for the 12-year-old youth, the cold Canadian winter must be counteracted by thoughts of the warm Israeli days ahead.

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Although being head of Statistics Canada was considered the equivalent of a deputy minister, **Sylvia Ostry's** appointment as deputy minister of consumer and corporate affairs makes it official. It also makes her the first woman to hold that post in in the federal government. Mrs. Ostry, who has been chief statistician since 1972, assumes her new position Feb. 19.

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For a look at what makes a big company tick, try to catch the final film in the highly-acclaimed **Corporation** series having its Toronto premiere Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 8 p.m. at St. Lawrence Centre. The series was based on the workings of large Canadian corporations. This seventh, and last, segment, titled **After Mr. Sam,** looks at the problems of succession as **Sam Steinberg** steps down as president of Steinberg's Ltd. The film is being presented by the Public Affairs Department of Toronto Arts Productions in co-operation with the National Film Board of Canada. Admission is free.

Guess who has the largest TV audience on Sundays at 11:50 p.m. in the Windsor area? It's **Rabbi Jonathan Plaut,** whose 15-minute program, **Religious Scope,** beats out even the news. The program, dealing with religious issues and news, has been running for about three years. The Beth El rabbi also has an information program on radio Sunday mornings. He's member of the announcers union, AFTRA but says he regards his broadcast work as a public service.

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Toronto's own **Miriam Schneid** — she's school consultant for the Toronto Board of Jewish Eduaction — has been mentioned in the latest volume of **International Who's Who in Poetry.** Mrs. Schneid, who has had her works published in books and magazines, is named among the 4,500 poets from over 50 countries.

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Hebrew University president **Avraham Harman** is to have an honorary fellowship conferred on him by his alma mater. The honor is being bestowed on him by Wadham College, Oxford, where the former Israeli ambassador to the US graduated in law in 1935. According to the warden of the college, "honorary fellowships are a recognition by the college of the outstanding achievements and distinctions of an old member."

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Winter travellers heading for the warm climes of Jamaica might like to know that the United Congregation of Israelites there has a new rabbi. He's **Rabbi Alan Klein,** recently graduated from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

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CJN staff reporter **Sheldon Kirshner** and his wife Etti, a teacher at Seneca College, announce the birth of their first child, a seven pound, 13 ounce girl born at Branson Hospital last weekend. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Kirshner of Montreal and Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Lazarov of Jaffa, Israel.

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Clanton Park Synagogue will celebrate its 21st anniversary the weekend of Feb. 14 to 16 with **Rabbi Aaron Soloveitchik** as guest of the congregation. He will address a gathering of youth at the Friday evening Oneg Shabbat in the synagogue at 8:30 p.m. Saturday evening, he well be guest speaker at a Maleveh Malka.

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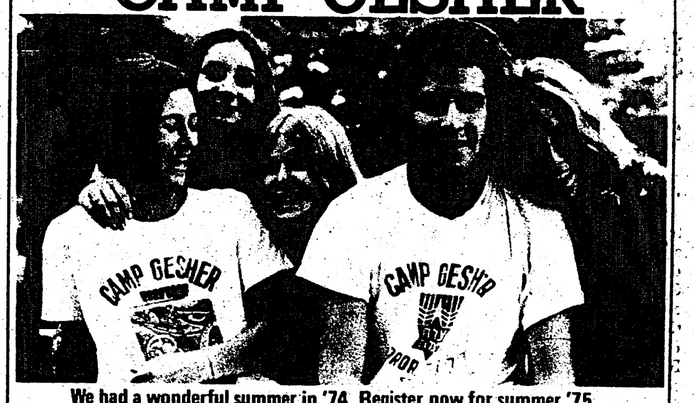

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Among the contingent of women from outside of Toronto who attended the recent Toronto UJA Day were (standing from left): Libby Dwor, Port Colborne; Elaine Katzman, Maxine Ordower and Terry Winlograd, Windsor; Barbara Epstein, Ontario division chairman; Rose Rabin, vice-chairman; Ben Ocopnick, Ontario executive-director and Zvi Garcy, Israel special emissary. Sitting from left are: Lillian Ennis, Niagara Region chairman; Edith Ennis, Welland; Ruth Acker, Charlotte Levene, Ruth Joseph, and Joan Somer, Kitchener; Sylvia Jacobs, Hamilton; Joyce Glazier and Penny Sklar of Oshawa and Anne Minden, Hamilton. Across Ontario, the United Israel Appeal have had or are having successful fund-raising appeals for Israel. (El-Baz photo)

'The most powerful indictment ever made of political system'

By LEAH FEINMAN

TORONTO —

Solzhenitsyn's **Gulag Archipelago** is the most powerful indictment of a political system ever to be published, Mark Gayn, **The Toronto Star's** foreign affairs columnist, told over 200 people last week at Council House. The meeting was sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section.

Mark Gayn

"The book shows the growth of an evil system and the decay of morality," he said. "Although tens of millions of prisoners passed through the Gulag Archipelago, the prison system of the Soviet Union, little has been written about it. Solzhenitsyn has succeeded in exposing the villains and the system. His book is a treasure chest, containing material for 1,000 books. He has defied the traditional Russian language patterns. His words are like musical notes. Even **Gulag Archipelago** has poetic quality. With few words, Solzhenitsyn creates unforgettable images."

According to Gayn, Solzhenitsyn secretly distributed parts of his manuscript to friends, who in turn circulated them. Although 200 pages might be sent out, 400 might return because others who had also experienced life in the Soviet prisons would add their tales of horror.

Gayn pointed out that the book, which can be purchased freely in the West, was originally published underground. Young stenographers and their boyfriends would listen to chapters broadcasted over short wave radio. They would tape the program, then transcribe and print the chapter and sell it for $180 a package.

Solzhenitsyn was the single voice of dissent in the USSR between 1971 and 1973, notedgayn. The Soviets, anxious for detente and not wishing to affront the West, chose to exile him rather than imprison him. However, a concerted effort was made by the Soviet Government to discredit him at home and abroad.

In the question period which followed the address, Gayn discussed Russian-Chinese relations. In his view, the two Communist rivals for political power are in a state of verbal rather than military hostility.

In answering a question about the breakdown of the U.S.—Russian trade pact, Gayn said: "We do not have enough information. The Soviets are lying through their teeth. Kissinger assured Senator Jackson that there was a firm understanding that the Jews would be let out. Now the Russians are saying 'outrage'."

Gayn agreed that journalistic accounts of dissenters are significant, but stressed that dissent is minute in the rest of the country. He said that political freedom is demanded by a minority of intellectuals who buy foreign newspapers and books. Only a fraction of one percent of the 250 million people in the country know Solzhenitsyn's name. They know him as the enemy. The country is governed by competent men intent on preserving their own power and the totalitarian regime. "The men at the top are trying to meet the material demands," he explained. "The population grumbles, but accepts."

He added: "There are many classes in the society, and the salary scale is more unfair than it is in the West. All kinds of social injustices exist. It is not a simple society as represented on the North American continent."

Israel's Druze consul says

Further concessions unnecessary

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

"Further territorial concessions on the part of Israel are meaningless as far as peace is concerned," says Zeidan Atashi, consul general of Israel.

In Montreal from New York to address the 51st Annual Conference of the Montreal Histadrut Campaign, he said he believes the Arab-Israeli conflict is not territorial.

Zeidan Atashi

"The Arabs are seeking the annihilation of Israel ... the more Israel concedes the more they will demand our destruction. No Arab leader has, as yet, given a single indication of wanting peace even if we went back to the pre-1967 borders," said Atashi, the only non-Jew in the Israeli diplomatic corps.

If the Arab nations formally accept Israel, then "no doubt peace or even settlement may be reached."

Atashi terms statements by Egyptian President Sadat that he "might accept Israel" as not only "vague" but contradictory to his policy of supporting the "restoration of Palestinian aspirations which seek the destruction of Israel.

"Kissinger is trying to bridge this gap but it is so wide that whatever he does there are still too many things that differentiate us."

Although he "hopes he is mistaken in his pessimism," Atashi warns the way to peace will be a "hard, rocky road" and he "sees no end in sight" at this time.

Hesitant to make any predictions, Atashi does believe "war will break out if the Arabs do not recognize the statehood of Israel. If our existence is in danger, we will fight for our survival in all circumstances."

War will not however be a solution to the problems of either the Israelis or Arabs, according to Atashi.

"Even if the Arabs launched the coming war, they elude themselves if they think they will destroy Israel ... one luxury we cannot afford is to be defeated.

"Defeatism means the destruction of the Jewish people and world Jewry as far as morale is concerned.

"We're not talking about liberation of certain land or pushing out an enemy but the survival of a nation."

Atashi, 34, is a member of Israel's Druze community which presently numbers 36,000. Concentrated in the mountainous regions of Galilee and Carmel, the Druze are an Arabic people linguistically and racially but have traditionally remained a separate socio-religious entity.

Do other Druze share his enthusiasm for the Israeli cause?

"The entire Druze community, or a least 99.9% are behind Israel. We are citizens and feel the same way as the Jews," asserts the former youth worker in Druze villages.

Druze men are drafted by the Israel defence forces in the same manner as young Jews. Atashi himself is a veteran of the 1967 and 1973 wars.

"I do not call Israel a Jewish state other than the state language, religion and so on is Jewish. The Arabs misinterpret this and use it for their propaganda."

Of the Israeli Arabs, who constitute 14% of the population, 70% support Israel in her struggle against Arab neighbors, in Atashi's analysis.

The remaining percentage of Arab citizens are 15% "apathetic or undecided" and the other 15% are "completely anti-Israel," said Atashi who worked in the Arabic service of Israel's television before assuming his present post in 1972.

He describes these people as "not militant but sometimes they have to be observed."

The majority of the "anti-Israel" belong to the Communist party and hold four seats in the Knesset.

They do not "deny the existence of Isreal" but do "claim the return of the Palestinians" and refuse to "recognize the boundaries of 1948.

"You couldn't find this situation in any other part of the world," he said.

Young leaders gather to focus on merger plan

TORONTO —

Members of the executive and committee heads of the Young Leadership Development Planning Council, recently organized under the auspices of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, will meet Feb. 2 at Baycrest Centre. The council is the co-ordinating body for Young Men's and Young Women's Leadership Development and the Sunday meeting will be its first joint venture.

The evening program will focus on the proposed merger of Canadian Jewish Congress and the United Jewish Welfare Fund. Participants who will present their views on the issues involved are Phil Granovsky, UJWF president; Milton Harris, chairman CJC Central Region; David Satok, CJC national vice-president, and Joseph B. Salsberg, member of the CJC regional executive.

Michael Benjamin, who is YLDPC co-chairman, said the meeting was arranged in order to clarify the issues for council members prior to the UJWF annual meeting Feb. 6 when a merger vote will be taken.

"The outcome will directly affect us," he explained. "After all, we will ultimatley inherit and have to deal with whatever decisions are made now."

Many of the men and women now serving on the UJWF executive and board have come from the ranks of leadership development program graduates.

"We're very pleased that both Congress and the Welfare Fund have recognized the importance of our group in the community, by providing us with men of such calibre to set out the issues for us," Benjamin said.

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Feb. 1	Beth Tzedec Congregation, "Israel: The Biblical World," Professor Y. Yitzhaki, guest lecturer, at 1700 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	Canadian Jewish Congress T'nach Study Group, "Hosea, Chapter 8," Robert Eisen, Q.C., lecturer, at 3630 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Feb. 3	Adath Israel Congregation, "Between the Generations," Allen Friedman, guest lecturer, at 37 Southbourne Ave., Downsview, 9 p.m.
Feb. 5	Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, "The Jewish Family – In or Out," Mrs. R. Abella and Dr. J. Diamond, panelists, at 470 Glencairn Ave., 8:15 p.m.
Feb. 6	United Organizations for Histadrut, "We are Here," a gala concert presented by 100 Russian–Jewish artists from Israel, at Eaton Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Feb. 8	The Borochov Movement, Jewish Music Month Celebration, with Cantor L. Danto and Leo Barkin at the piano, at 272 Codsell Ave., Downsview, 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	Adath Israel Congregation, "The Mishpochoh: Family as a Source of Aggravation and Happiness," J. Diamond, guest lecturer, at 37 Southbourne Ave., Downsview, 9 p.m.
Feb. 12	Baycrest Centre, a musical concert, Cantor H. Klein and Shaarei Shomayim Choir, at 3560 Bathurst St., 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, "Euthanasia – Death with Dignity," Rabbi H. Hoschander, lecturer, at 470 Glencairn Ave., 9 p.m.
Feb. 15	Labor Zionist Alliance, Purim Celebration, dance and Queen Esther Contest, at 14 Viewmount Ave., 8 p.m.
Feb. 15 — 16	Beth Tzedec Congregation, Special Weekend for Jews in Arab Lands, with Professor Saul Friedman, "Justice in the Middle East" at 9:30 a.m. and "The Palestinians, Fact and Fantasy," at noon on Saturday, "The Jews from the Arab Countries," slide presentation at 10 a.m. on Sunday, at 1700 Bathurst St.
Feb. 16	Board of Jewish Education and Canadian Jewish Congress, Annual Festival of Jewish School Choirs, at 1700 Bathurst St., 2 p.m.
Feb. 16	Toronto Workmen's Circle, "The Role of Canadian Labor Movement in Political Life," Sam Fox, lecturer, at 471 Lawrence Ave. W., 11 a.m.
Feb. 17	Canadian Jewish Congress T'nach Study Group, "Hosea, Chapter 9," Irving Matlow, lecturer, at 3600 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Feb. 17	Adath Israel Congregation, "Ageing and Retirement," Sorell Urman, guest lecturer, at 37 Southbourne Ave., 9 p.m.
Feb. 18	Labor Zionist Alliance, "A Psychoreligious Look at Our Future," Dr. Joseph Berger, lecturer, at 14 Viewmount Ave., 8:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, "The P.L.O. – How do we Treat it?," L.D. Silver, Q.C. and D. Satok, panelists, at 470 Glencairn Ave., 8:15 p.m.
Feb. 23	Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation, Gala Musical Concert, with Cantor L. Danto and guest artists, at 100 Elder St., Downsview, 8 p.m.

Emphasis on aliyah

Bnei Akiva has program variety

voice of youth
By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

Bnei A'kiva, a religious-Zionist youth movement, has begun its season of Shabbatonim, study evenings and activities under its new advisor, shaliach Ze'ev Friedman, who has just arrived from Israel.

Friedman, 24, who was on the national executive of B'nei Akiva in Israel, is working with Sandy Honigsberg, president, and Phil Libman, vice-president of the movement in the Toronto area, to prepare members for aliyah — their ultimate goal.

Activities are planned to suit the various age groups: Chevraya A, 150 children in grades three to eight; Chevraya B and C, 125 students in grades nine to 13, and Bogrim, 30 university students and older members.

Chevraya A meets every Shabbat afternoon at the following synagogues: Beth Jacob, B'nei Torah, Clanton Park Synagogue, Shaarei Tefillah and Shaarei Shomayim. They have special programs in a different synagogue every Rosh Chodesh and Shabbatonim are held regularly.

Chevraya B meets at Bnei A'kiva headquarters (the 'Bayit') at 296 Wilson Ave. at Bathurst, every Saturday afternoon.

Upcoming events for that group and Chevraya C include Shabbatonim, an Oneg Shabbat every second week, study evenings (the next one this Friday night, Jan. 31 at 8:45 p.m. at the 'Bayit' and at B'nei Torah), and a trip to Camp Moshava, the summer camp run by Bnei A'kiva, in mid-March.

According to Friedman, Bogrim are trained and prepared for aliyah as well as work in the movement itself. Many members have already been to Israel on the Hachshara program offered by the world B'nei Akiva movement. The one-year program includes work in all areas of a Kibbutz, three months of study or volunteer work in hospitals, seminars in Jerusalem, and military training in Gadna (pre-army training for youth).

The idea is "to give and not only to get," according to Friedman. "It is the duty of everyone to build the land of Israel. Israel is the rightful place of each and every member of the movement, after finishing his education. Not everyone is willing to accept this objective of ours, and for that reason Bnei A'kiva is not for everyone. But especially now, more is demanded of us than ever before."

Nevertheless, the secondary aim of the movement is still "to strengthen the bond between the member and (his own community) in the Diaspora, a community action group has been established in Bnei A'kiva to strengthen the community and its bond with Israel.

Two B'nei Akiva schools have been established in the Toronto area — Yeshivat Or Chaim and Ulpana Orot — because there was a need for these types of institutions to complete the movement's informal activities.

If you'd like to know more about Bnei A'kiva phone the 'Bayit' at 630-9266 or contact Ze'ev Friedman at 783-8067.

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This weekend, Jan. 31 — Feb. 2, is a busy weekend for many youth groups in this area.

On Friday, a bus-load of USYers will be leaving Toronto for a Shabbaton in Buffalo, and at the same time a group of NCSYers will be leaving this area for a Shabbaton in Indianapolis.

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Day-care survey organized by NCJW

By WANDA LOUISE

TORONTO —

Mothers and fathers of young children: If you would like to see the establishment of quality day care centres, with Jewish content and the possibility of Kosher kitchens, the Canadian Jewish Congress declares now is the time to act.

National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Chapter, will start interviewing 1,000 random families in North York March 1 to establish how great the need is for day-care service. They are asking for total Jewish community support. Residents of North York should expect phone calls or personal canvass. For confidentiality, names will not appear on questionnaires.

Council's child services committee was formed three years ago. It is affiliated with the Community Day-Care Coalition, the Abuse Children's Committee of York Finch Hospital and North York, the Prevention Committee of the Abused Child used by North York and Intra-Agency of North York and the Lunch and After-School Program of North York working with the YMCA and Women's Status of Metro.

Very little research has been done to date on the urgency of day-care service. Council volunteers, Anne Elpern and Marleen Cowan, aim to conduct a thorough pilot survey as a model for other Toronto areas to follow. They have enlisted the help of leading social scientist, Dr. Ted Harvey, of Metro's Social Planning Council

"We feel that day care is for everyone who needs it. The stigma is gone," Marleen Cowan explained. "So many women today want to get out of the stresses of the home. This service is for the woman who chooses to volunteer, go back to school or return to the labor force.

"Council is exploring all possibilities of day-care service: daily drop-in centres, supervised day care in private homes and larger centres. There is a growing feeling that infants would get better care in a home with proper standards. Larger centres can provide educational stimulus to older children.

"This project also has the solid support of Jewish service agencies," pointed out Anne Elpern. "From other Jewish organizations we require lists of members' names, within the area.

"Once we do the survey, we hope the whole Jewish community will become involved in helping council set up suitable centres."

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Toronto Bond leaders touring Israel meet the prime minister in Eilat

TORONTO — Twelve prominent members of the Toronto Jewish community were part of the International Israel Bond Conference which met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week in Eilat. Prime Minister Rabin made a special trip to the south of Israel to greet the Bond delegation and participate in the special events which dramatized the role of Israel Bonds in the reclamation and development of the formerly desert area.

The Toronto group left New York Saturday evening, part of the 400 member conference called to examine Israel's grave economic problems at the invitation of the prime minister.

The Torontonians included National Chairman George Cohon, 1974 associate chairman Murray Goldman, synagogue co-chairman Alex Eisen, Rabbi Yitzhak Kerzner, Israel Bond chairman of the Ontario Rabbinical Council, Mrs. Samuel Sarick, women's division trustee chairman, campaign cabinet members Jack Weinbaum and Bert Wells; Allan Glassman, Kurt Rothschild, Jack Cohon, Mendy Sharf and James M. Senor, executive director.

The study mission spent the first two days in Eilat, the port city vital to Israel as a gateway to Africa and Asia, and now a major oil terminus as a result of Israel Bond funds. Virtually uninhabited 25 years ago at the inception of the Israel Bond program, the city now has a population of some 15,000. Oil pipelines, financed largely by Israel Bonds, were built to carry oil from tankers berthed at Eilat to refineries on the Mediterranean. New tourist facilities have also established Eilat as a winter resort area.

While in the Negev the delegates took part in ceremonies marking the extension of the railroad to the region at ceremonies marking the extension of the railroad to the region at Oron where phosphate mines have been developed as an important source of raw materials for Israel's vital new chemical industry.

In marking the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Israel Bond program, the conference participants visited Sde Boker to pay their respects to the late David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, who initiated the plans for the first Israel Bond issue in Sept. 1950.

The Prime Minister's Conference also had a special ceremony to observe the attainment of the $3-billion mark in Bond proceeds since the inception of the Bond effort.

As **The Canadian Jewish News** went to press it was learned that the delegations from Canada, the United States, Latin America and Europe were scheduled to meet Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon, Defence Minister Shimon Peres, and many other leading government, military and political figures. They also were to confer with President Ephraim Katzir and with former prime minister Golda Meir.

In a brief statement prior to departure, George Cohon, chairman of the Canadian delegation, said:

"In the light of the mounting economic problems, Israel's needs are greater today than ever before. The continuing necessity to maintain a costly defensive alert, combined with an unprecedented inflation, and the program to create jobs for the immigrants from the Soviet Union and other countries, makes it all the more urgent that ways be found to increase economic aid to Israel and promote investment there. We are going to Israel to study these problems and the program that must be worked out to meet them."

The mission is scheduled to conclude on Sunday, with some members returning that evening and others during the following week.

Harvey Barron (second from left), president of Primal Lodge, B'nai B'rith, presents $1,100 cheque to Carl C. Hunt, administrator of Hospital for Sick Children, for purchase of an oxygenator machine, which supplies oxygen to severely injured children in car accidents, and keeps them alive to reach hospital. Others from left are: Dr. A. W. Conn, chief of Intensive Care Unit; Dr. Sorel Reisman, immediate past president, Primal Lodge and L. B. Murray, assistant administrator of the hospital. (B'nai B'rith photograph)

Author, correspondent to address UJA campaign's opening meeting

By MOURA WOLPERT
Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON — Bernard Kalb, well-known CBS foreign correspondent and co-author, with his brother Marvin, of the current best-seller **Kissinger** will be the guest speaker at the opening meeting of Hamilton's 1975 UJWF campaign.

Also, the entire Jewish community will receive national recognition with a special award for its fund-raising efforts in the Yom Kippur emergency and 1974 campaigns.

The event will take place Saturday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. at Beth Jacob Synagogue, 375 Aberdeen Avenue, and every member of the community is invited.

Kalb has a long and distinguished record as

Bernard Kalb

TV reporter and foreign news analyst. He appears regularly on CBS New with Walter Cronkite and has been responsible for several major TV news documentaries. Both he and his brother, also a journalist, have regularly accompanied Henry Kissinger on his peace-seeking missions and their book is a fascinating study of one of the most controversial of all U.S. secretaries of state.

The United Israel Appeal of Canada award to the Jewish community of Hamilton will be accepted by Dr. J.J. Shekter, president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, on its behalf. As well, UIA will similarly honor a number of individuals, for their outstanding efforts during one or both fund-raising campaigns.

Although the Feb. 8 meeting marks the official opening of the 1975 UJWF campaign, chairman Abby Goldblatt and William Morris, who will preside, wish to make it clear there will be no soliciting for funds that evening. Instead, the meeting, which has been organized by Barbara Epstein, chairwoman of the Women's Division, Central Region of the UIA of Canada, is seen as an opportunity to inform the community on where the money goes and why it is needed.

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Arts

Al Waxman, director of "My Pleasure Is My Business," relaxes with Xaviera Hollander, star of film on the set. Waxman is veteran actor, having been in some 50 film productions. He is quite pleased with this film.

For actor-director Al Waxman, his business is his pleasure

film

By JENIVA BERGER

Al Waxman tells a funny story about himself.

The veteran Canadian actor of more than 50 films here and abroad, with a face that has launched a multitude of television commercials, was arriving at the Winnipeg airport when he noticed a crowd of people pointed at someone. "Colonel Sanders with his string tie was ahead of me" relates Al. "and I thought they were waiting for him. But after he walked by, I realized that they had been pointing at me all along."

'Aren't you the one on television — on that commercial?' said one fan (undoubtedly referring to a famous commercial in which Al endeared himself to thousands as a prison inmate addicted to Kleenex). "Right," answered Al Waxman. "What's your name?" asked the fan unabashed. "It's Colonel Sanders" came the straightfaced reply.

Now, Al Waxman laughs at the story. He knows he belongs to a core of well known 'anonymous' performers and he accepts it good naturedly. Commercials have been good to him and he has an innate respect for the well-made one.

At the tender age of 13, he began his career as a child actor on a radio show called "Doorway to Fairyland," a fact which he carefully concealed from his cohorts on the baseball diamond. When he decided to pursue his career, his step-father supported him though his mother warned him that all actors were gypsies. In a sense, she was right.

After a brief flirtation with the field of law following a B.A. in politics in English literature, Al enrolled at New York's famed Neighborhood Playhouse, remembering Martha Graham as the best teacher "because she taught from the soul," and eventually wended his way to England where he played in rep theatre throughout the country, the West End, and in such films as **The War Lover** and **The Victors.**

It was the latter's director, Carl Forman, who influenced his thinking as to what film making is all about: good art plus good business sense.

The pull toward the field of directing prompted him to enrol in The London School of Film Technique and when he went back to New York to study with Lee Strasberg, it was in conjuction with courses at the School of Motion Picture Production.

After a stint in Hollywood, where his best roles were as a bouncer ("I stood outside the place in a navy blue suit flipping a silver coin, looking menacing"), and a short order cook at Barney's Beanery, he returned to Canada determined to go into film directing. "Acting is something I still enjoy" he says now, "but film directing is something I have to do — and love."

His calling card was the most successful short ever produced here, **Tviggy**, a whimsical portrait of a female Jewish Walter Mitty. It's still being seen around the world.

His first feature, however, was another story. Almost a one-man effort he produced, acted in, directed, and wrote, **The Crowd Inside** was a resounding financial failure, but he says, reflectively, "I got my Ph. D in film making. I learned you don't make a picture just for the sake of making it. You make it for an artistic point — and to make money!"

Though the critical knocks he suffered from **The Crowd Inside** might have felled another director (such things have), Al Waxman is hardy. He pulled his resources together, continued acting appearing in all the going TV series and in films like **Isobel, Sunday in the Country,** and the recent **Child Under a Leaf**, while directing everything from documentaries to **My Pleasure is my Business** starring none other than Xaviera Hollander.

"It's quite a funny picture" he says of the sex spoof, and not only is he pleased with the efforts of Ms. Hollander, who is "surprisingly good, and a bright, diligent worker," but many of the scenes in the film, particularly of one reminiscent of the great party in **Breakfast at Tiffany's** and shot in just two days.

Indeed, Al Waxman looks very contented sitting in front of a crackling fireplace in his Rosedale home he shares with his two young children, Tobaron and Adam and his lovely, blonde wife, Sara.

Feet up, surrounded by massive but warm pieces of Mexican and Early Ontario furniture, it would be very hard not to like the easy going, soft-spoken Al Waxman. He's utterly frank without ever downgrading anyone or being malicious, self-confident and sure of himself without pretentiousness. His enthusiasm for making Canadian films shines, yet his early "desperation for making it" has been supplanted by a much wiser philosophy, that 'making it' isn't a dead-end goal, but a never ending positive concept.

"As an artist" he says, "you're forever young, forever looking ahead, forever a student, and always learning."

Account of book business reveals often savage industry infighting

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Words and Faces
By Hiram Hayden,
Longmans of Canada,
$11.50.

For close to 30 years, Hiram Hayden was an outstanding author, editor, publisher and teacher of writers. In this outspoken and revealing account of the book business we learn of the often savage infighting that takes place as prestigious publishing houses vie for popular authors and jockey for position and power.

Hayden discloses how manuscripts are chosen for publication and promoted, and describes his encounters with such literary luminaries as Wiliam Faulkner, Bennett Cerf, Norman Mailer, William Styron, Ayn Rand, Truman Capote, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. — and many lesser fry. The portraits are often far from flattering as the author (who died in 1973) speaks his mind with rare honesty and courage.

This anecdotal, often amusing and companionable book of reminiscences by a genial bookman will delight anyone who is interested in language, the tribulations of authors and publishers and the many-sided world of books.

Rahel Varnhagen
By Hannah Arendt,
Longmans of Canada,
$5.45 [paper]

Rahel Levin was a perceptive and courageous woman, the daughter of a jeweller, who in the early 19th century had the capacity and will to express ideas on the rights of women and the education of children that are still controversial.

To her famous salons in Berlin came the great and near-great, among the literary and political figures of the time. Almost single-handedly she started the Goethe cult; Heine hailed her as a forerunner of "young Germany."

A woman of marked intelligence and sensibility, Rahel was troubled by her relative penury and luck of beauty — but especially by her Judaism. Typical of many of her generation she rejected Judaism as an incubus and misfortune, and converted to Christianity at the time of her marriage. But in later years she re-affirmed her loyalty to the Jewish people and confessed that she would not "for any price wish not to be Jewish."

Hannah Arendt, in this revised edition of a work that first appeared in 1957, limns her heroine against the confused social and political developments of the 18th and 19th centuries. What emerges is a stimulating and cultivated work of scholarship. The going is sometimes a bit heavy and the manner ponderous, but Rahel triumphs as a personality. Says Arendt: "Only because she had remained both a Jew and a pariah did she find a place in the history of European humanity."

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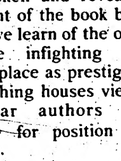
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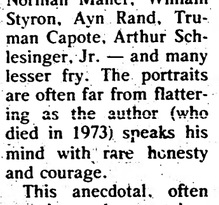
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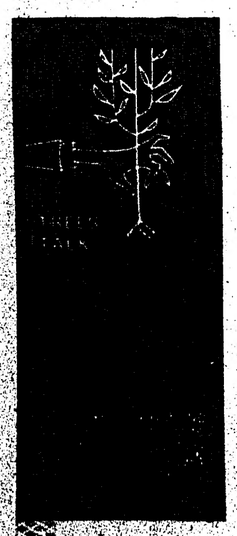

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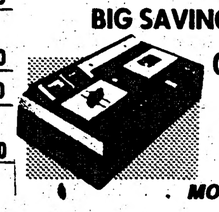
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WINTER ON THE GO

A Travel Supplement and Guide for Stay at Home Entertainment

Six-week Jewish Music Month will feature Boris Brott, Louis Danto, Arkady Shindelman

By RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO — The address by Professor Velvel Pasternak last week launched a packed schedule of diversified and promisingly high-calibre events comprising Jewish Music Month for the next six weeks. Some of the highlight events include the following:

On Jan. 28-29 at Massey Hall, Boris Brott will conduct the Toronto Symphony in a performance of the talented Toronto composer Saul Glick's **Psalm for Orchestra** (based on Chassidic melodies) plus another work by the great Jewish composer Ernest Bloch: **Shlomo: Hebraic Rhapsody.** On Feb. 6, at Eaton Auditorium, the spectacular performance of 100 Russian Jews from Israel, entitled **We Are Here,** will be staged for one night only, as part of this ensemble's cross-continental tour.

The accomplished Cantor Harold Klein of Sharei Shomayim will perform in a concert of liturgical music, along with the synagogue choir, at Baycrest Centre at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 12. And, for a look at upcoming future talent in this area, the annual Festival of Jewish School Choirs, co-sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education and Canadian Jewish Congress, will be held at Beth Tzedec at 2 p.m. Feb. 16.

CBC Radio will air the following week a number of important contemporary serious Jewish works; including pieces by Paul ben-Haim, Ernest Bloch, Rigai, Max Bruch, John Weinzweig, A. Boskavich, Oscar Morawetz, Yitzchak Edel, and Eric W. Sternberg, as well as Sergei Prokofiev's **Overture on Hebrew Themes.** Check your local CBC-FM listings for specific times during the week of Feb. 17-20.

On Feb. 23, Beth Emeth-Bais Yehudah Congregation will stage an important concert at 8 p.m. featuring Cantor Louis Danto, Russian-born violin virtuoso Arkady Shindelman, and a special rare treat: Muskara, Jewish Japanese singing sensation. Tickets are $6 ($3 for students).

Shlomo Carlebach will make a return appearance at Massey Hall on Monday, March 3 at 8:30 p.m.

On March 7, at Temple Emanu-El, there will be a production of a dance service, written by Picket. On March 14, at Temple Sinai, there will be an Oneg Shabbat Concert-in-the-Round entitled **Our Yiddish Heritage** featuring guest soloists, the Temple Glee Club and Youth Chorus. And, a little further into the future, on April 11 at 8:25 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple will present **"I Never Saw Another Butterfly;** children's poems from the concentration camps, set to music by Charles Davidson, sung by the St. Simon's Boys Choir in commemoration of Yom Ha'Shoah (Holocaust Day).

The 1975 Jewish Music Month offers one of the most diversified and stimulating presentations seen in Canada in recent years. It is a fine blend of tradition and new material, including (which is especially to its credit) the featured presentation of new works by Toronto's growing community of significant serious Jewish composers.

Upcoming social affairs to include buffet dinner, psychotherapy workshop

A card night will be held at the home of Mrs. Pillersdorf, 27 Ledbury Avenue — at 7:30 p.m. Cocktails and a full hot buffet dinner will be served. Admission is $10. All proceeds will go to AKIM homes for the retarded in Israel. A fun night for a worthy cause.

The North York Group Psychotherapy Foundation is a non-profit organization whose aims are (among others) to provide professional help for emotionally disturbed people through group psychotherapy. On Feb. 8-9, 9:30 a.m. — 5:30 p.m. at 2787 Bathurst St., — they are offering a weekend workshop on **Theme-Centered Interaction.** This is a method taught by Ruth C. Cohn at the Workshop Institute for Living-Learning — W.I.L.L. — in New York. this workshop is for group leaders, educators, psychotherapists. Leaders will be Richard Miller Ph. D. Director W.I.L.L., Pittsburgh, Penn., and Evelyn I. Challis Ph. D. psychology For information. Phone 787-5331.

Naomi Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women is having a Monte Carlo Night, Saturday, Feb. 8, 8:30 p.m. — 1 a.m. at the Adath Israel Synagogue — 38 Southbourne Ave. Admission of $4 includes play money and refreshments. Proceeds go to Israel and B'nai B'rith Women's projects.

Makor Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, together with Scopus Lodge, a private social club, is holding its annual Monte Carlo Night, Saturday, Feb. 1, at Civic Gardens Centre, Edwards Gardens, Lawrence Avenue East. Fun and games begin at 8:30 p.m. All proceeds go to Israel.

Another fund-raiser for Israel on Saturday, the 1st, is a dance being held by Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla sisterhood, at 8:30 p.m. at the synagogue, Danby Avenue, Downsview.

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, Ner Israel Yeshiva Ladies Auxiliary is having a package party — that's when you buy a package and don't know what's in it. The party is at the home of Mrs. A. Silberstein, 17 Saguenay Ave., beginning at 8 p.m.

PLAYBOY IMAGE and the Single-factor fiction, a panel discussion is being presented by the Professional Club **LZA** and The Singles Action Club **LZA** The panel will be followed by danceing and live music with Bill Berle; and refreshments. Admission is $2.75 and $1.50 for members. The date to not is Sunday, February 2. The place 12 Viewmount Ave.

TO CELEBRATE JEWISH MUSIC MONTH

Please note these up and coming events.

February 2
6:30 p.m. — **City TV, Channel 79, Mosaic Program** A jewish Music Program celebrating Jewish Music Festival, featuring **Srul Glick, gordon Kushner** and **Ben Steinberg.**

February 3
9:30 p.m. — **Beth Tikvah Congregation** — Program dealing with aspects of Jewish Music — **Rabbi Herbert Feder** and **Srul Irving Glick.**

February 6
United Organizations for Histadrut, **We are Here,** a gala concert presented by 100 Russian-Jewish artists from Israel, at Eaton Auditorium, 8: p.m.

February 8
The Borochov Movement, jewish Music Month Celebration, with Cantor L. Danto and Leo barkin at the piano, at 272 Codsell Avenue, Downsview, 8:30 p.m. The concert will include Yiddish and Hebrew songs as well as liturgical gems.

February 9
The LZA takes pleasure in presenting a Family Matinee Show featuring a special music selection directed by Bill Berle, Israeli artists and a specail dance group. The fun begins at 2:30 p.m. in the banquet hall at 12 Viewmount Ave. Admission is free and everyone is welcome!

February 12
The Chat-Pac (Community Hebrew Academy — Parents' Advisory Council) is having a general meeting titled **Let's Discuss it** on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. in the Associated Auditorium, 3630 Bathurst Street.

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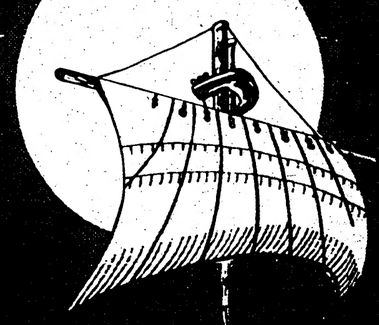

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Winter On The Go

Amsterdam is fun city for young and footloose

By ROBBIE GOLDBERG

Your dad may rave about London or Copenhagen; your mother may be dazzled by Paris or Rome. But if you're young and footloose in Europe, Amsterdam is the Number One fun city. It has become the choice of all youth travelling Europe because of the friendly atmosphere and liberal laws.

At Vondelpark, in the centre of the city, it seems on many nights that half the young people travelling Europe are gathered at one time. The city has opened the park as a vast youth hostel where you can pitch a tent or a sleeping bag. There's always a guitar concert going on somewhere in the park and people sing along.

Discotheques for those who can walk after a full day of sightseeing, are located at the Tuf Tuf Club, Handboogstraat 15, and Club 67, Korte Leidsed.

COPENHAGEN

The world-famous Tivoli Gardens is as good as you've heard and as good on the budget. Admission is about 70 cents but once you're inside you'll find many free concerts, ballets, and comedy acts scattered at tiny bandshells throughout the park. If you would like to be in the middle of a circus go to the Benneweis on Axeltory Street. None of the seats is more than a few rows from the rings and many acts take place right above you. The cost is about $1.50.

FLORENCE

People in Florence centre their evenings around late dinners. Concerts at the Pallazo Pitti are a bargain with seats for less than 50 cents. Discotheques are few, but many young people end up at the Space Electronic, 37 Via Palazzuolo. The cost is $1.15 for guys, girls get in free.

LONDON

Theatre is tops here and the good news is that you can see a first rate play for as little as 85 cents. Try to see the return run of Fiddler on the Roof as well as Sleuth. The centre of the bright lights is Picadilly Circus, but prices for all forms of entertainment are expensive. Head into adjoining Soho, the area where the real nightlife is, but beware. Every pickpocket, hustler, and con man who ever lived seems to live in Soho. The following clubs are fine: Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Firth St., jazz and discotheque under the same roof. Samantha's Club, 3 New Burlington St. also is great for dancing and on week nights the admission is free. Take caution: before going into strange clubs, check for any hidden extras in the admission costs. You could blow your week's budget in a couple of hours.

A highlight of any visit to Greece is a camera session at the Parthenon of the Athens' Acropolis.

This colorfully-bedecked young man is a guard at the Vatican, a stopping point for all tourists to Rome.

PARIS

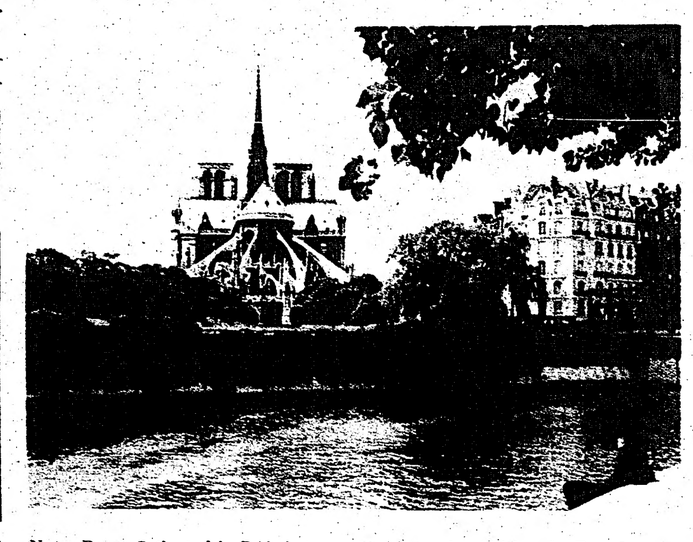
Two hours of entertainment for 32 cents — that's the Paris life. A French waiter may be surly but he will never ask you to leave your chair in a sidewalk cafe, even if you only buy a Coke and sit there for hours. Watch the passing parade and see Paris the way a Parisian does — at your leisure. Try one night on the Champs-Elysees and the next in the artists' quarter around St. Michael.

Another night should be spent in the Latin Quarter where the young French crowd goes. The streets are cobbled and restaurants from every part of the world survive quite well. For a smoke-filled, hot jazz club right out of a French movie, tour the Caveau de la Huchette, 5 rue de la Huchette. The cost is about $1.50. Generally, the old rule applies; all forms of nightlife are cheaper on the Left Bank of Paris.

ATHENS

You'll never forget the first evening you dine in the ancient Plaka area, just below the Acropolis. Bouzouki music and dancers entertain while you eat. Take a table outdoors and get both the show and passing parade. If you can pull yourself away from the Plaka the next night try to attend the excellent production of Sound and Light Show at the Acropolis. The English version occurs nightly at 9 p.m., except on full moon days when there is no performance. Seats cost as little as 45 cents.

There is also a Greek dancing exhibition at the side of the Acropolis. This production occurs nightly at 10.30 p.m. and seats are very cheap. Beware of new discotheques in the old part of town, many are expensive. Recommended is Club Calipso.



Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris is a magnet for tourists visiting the French capital. Throughout the day, tourist buses pull up in front of the great church.

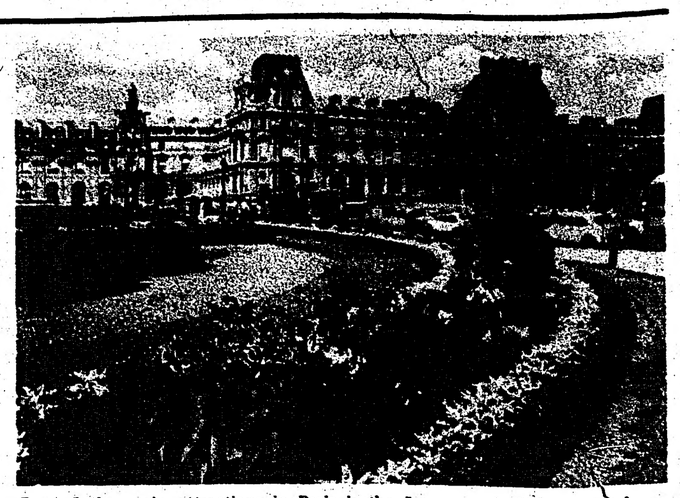
VIENNA

The world's largest ferris wheel is at the Prater Fun Fair in the heart of town. Admission is free to this vast amusement park and the atmosphere is great. Beer halls are spotted throughout the grounds and the crowds are lively. Highly recommended: The Theatre an der Wien, 5 Legargasse, with excellent productions of Viennese operettas. Standing room is 60 cents. Austrian beerhalls are as noisy as their German counterparts and are all over the city. A recommended discotheque is the Atrium where the lights and music are just right.

ROME

Eat late, then go out in search of fun. You can brush up on your Julius Caesar and Mark Antony by attending the Sound and Light Show at the Roman Forum. Seats are about $1.

Discotheques are very expensive and limited to the jet set. Young people go instead to the Spanish Steps where artists, singers, and story tellers give impromptu performances.



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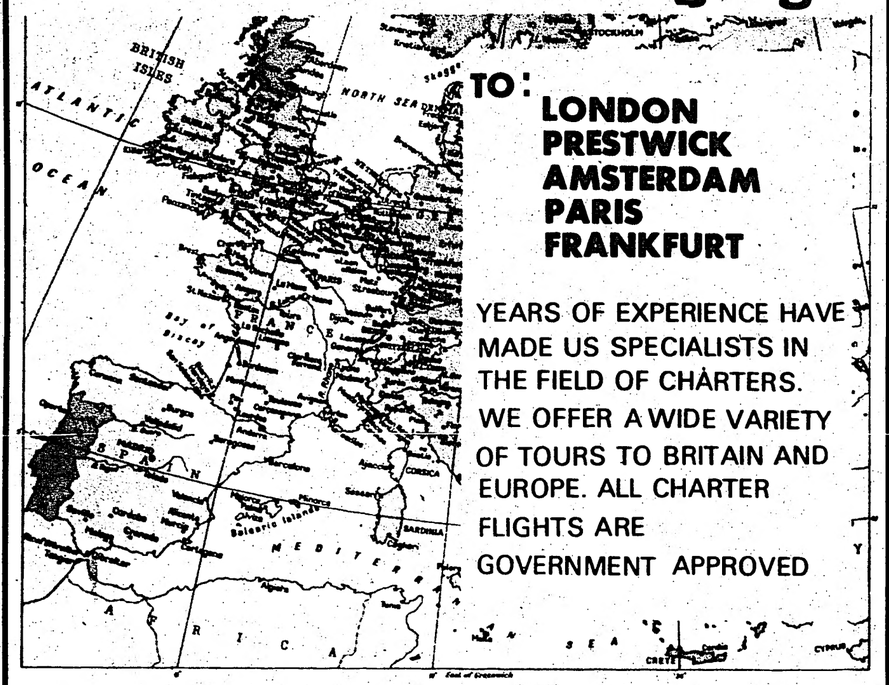

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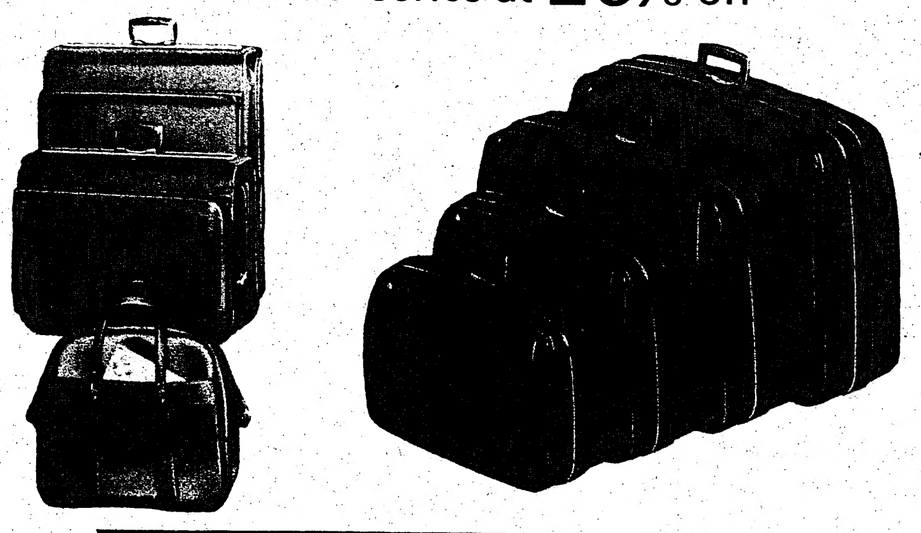

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Like other ethnic communities in Israel, those hailing from Yemen, in traditional dress, partake of the seder-night feast and read the time-honored Hagadah.

Passover on a kibbutz is fitting place to enjoy festival of yearly renewal

TEL AVIV —

Spring is the season of renewal, when the earth and all of its living things are reborn. Israel in spring is alive with color and fragrance as the crops ripen, the flowers bloom and the birds return.

Passover, the spring festival, symbolizes this yearly renewal. What better place is there to celebrate Passover than at a kibbutz, where the fruits of nature's regeneration can be felt by all of the senses.

The Galilee is especially lush at this time of year, and visitors can stay at one of the several kibbutz guest houses in the area. Many of the kibbutzim celebrate Passover in a non-traditional way, with folklore recitals and choir performaces, and a communal meal instead of the traditional seder.

Although guest accommodations and dining facilities are separate from the mainstream of kibbutz activities, if you arrange it in advance you can probably get invited to the kibbutz Passover celebrations.

One kibbutz, Ein Gev, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, holds an annual Passover Music Festival. This year the Festival will be held from March 27 to April 2. The Festival will feature classical music and dance in the kibbutz music centre which is patterned on Tanglewood in Massachusetts.

Ein Gev is renowned for another treat: it also serves some of the best fish in Israel, fresh from the Sea of Galilee, in its lakeside restaurant.

Independence Day in our young country is always celebrated with much joy and gaiety. After all with only 26 past birthdays in our brief history, the 27th one is still something special.

This year Independence Day falls on April 16. That evening there will be an Israeli Song Festival in Jerusalem where young songwriters will compete for the song of the year. The day before Independence Day, April 15, is set aside as Remembrance Day, when people throughout the country pay homage to the fallen of Israel's wars.

Careful choice of European lodgings can save your budget

By ROBBIE GOLDBERG

Every summer more and more young people wander off to Europe. However, with devaluation taking its toll on the dollar many people are beginning to feel they can no longer afford Europe. Youth hostels are not always the cheapest way to see Europe because of their restrictions and the locations of many hostels.

The following list of small hotels, pensions, and hostels are recommended because they offer clean rooms, a central location, and above all a very low price. This list is a random assortment of names; however, the areas mentioned should be good for other hotels.

One word of caution: hotels are usually booked by late afternoon. Check early.

Scots guardsman and Yeoman Warder at Tower of London is a highspot of a tour in London town.

LONDON

London sprawls out like an octopus reaching in all directions. The excellent underground system makes it possible to find cheap accommodation in different locations. Wherever you are, you are just a few stops from major sightseeing. Your first stop for hotel accommodation should be Bernard Street, just a few minutes from the 24-hour action at Piccadilly Square. Rows of B & B (bed and breakfast houses) sprawl out along the street. Try Harley House and Garden House Hotel first. Prices usually run about $5 per person which includes a full English breakfast, the kind that King Henry VIII had trouble finishing.

Another B & B conglomerate is situated on Belgrave Road, near the Victoria Station. Try the Corona Hotel (87 Belgrave Rd.) or the Victoria Hotel close by. The area is much quieter and has shopping and laundromats nearby. The price is also $5. Hotel finding services are located in Victoria Station which will help you if you get stuck. Beginning in late June, the hotel finding service can make dormitory reservations for just over $3.75.

PARIS

Forget all rumors about Paris being expensive for hotel accommodations. It can be one of the cheapest cities in Europe. First, head for the government-run tourist office, near the Arc de Triomphe, to get a room. If you would like to stay near the Arc de Triomphe on the right bank head for the Pension Metin on Rue des Accains. This six-story building with 50 spartan rooms costs $2.25 a night. There are other such bargains nearby and also hotels a few minutes away that cost $5.00 a night. If you prefer the French students area, which includes the famous Latin Quarter, go to the Hotel des Mines, 125 Boul St. Michel, where room and breakfast is only $3.75 a night.

FLORENCE

There seems to be no shortage of inexpensive hotels in this artistic city but on hot summer days space is scarce. There are scores of tiny pensions across from the train station. Try Via Nazionale for a good buy. At No. 56, the Pension Ginasi as well as other fine pensions are located. Rooms go for about $2.90 a night. Turn the corner and you'll find the Via Faenza, with even better buys. Some buildings have more than seven pensions in them so when you are looking don't take the elevator, walk.

One note of caution: When arriving at the station don't be misled by the hotel hustlers who promise you cheap accommodation nearby. They'll wind up taking you to the same place and you'll have to pay a fairly high commission.

ROME

Like Florence, Rome's train station is the home of every hustler and gimmick man alive. Be careful not to fall for "cheap Omega watches," or other offers. You needn't walk far from the station for good hotel accommodation. To the right of the main entrance is the Via Marghera. Try No. 43, Locanda Lysa, where a friendly lady who runs this clean establishment has rooms at about $2. The YMCA is also nearby and offers similar prices. To the left of the station entrance there are tiny streets of little pensions whose prices go even lower. The Colosseum and Forum are a brisk 20-minute walk away, but the scenery on the way is magnificent.

AMSTERDAM

On a summer day, the city of Amsterdam is like the CNE on opening day. Thousands of people are lined up at the VVV (tourist office) outside the train station. Yet, remarkably, these wonderful people find you a room, if you have a little patience.

The shortage of hotel space has actually been a plus for the young person. Many hotel owners have taken their small hotels which had a few rooms and just knocked the walls out and added beds to make dorms. If you ask for youth accommodation to the right of the station, you will be well situated and pay just over $3.50 for room and breakfast.

ATHENS

The shining city of Athens offers two budget areas for accommodations and both are right in the centre of action. First, try Omonia Square (centre of town) and the streets that run from it. Carolina Hotel (55 Kokotroni St.) and Hotel Marina, next to it offers rooms for $1.70 per person in doubles or $1.10 in dorms. Near the American Express (Constitution Square) is Hotel Imperial (46 Mitropoleos St.) and other similar hotels nearby. Rooms rent for $2.70 a night and include breakfast.

At night, go back to your hotel with some cheese and wine and go out on your balcony and you'll see the world's greatest sight outside your railing — the Acropolis.

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Winter On The Go

Major airlines offer youth fare on regular flights

Charter or youth fares offer large travel savings

By ROBBIE GOLDBERG

The first step is to arrange your transportation to Europe. At present, if you plan to fly you have two choices; charter or youth fare. The prices are about the same. During the months of May and most of June the return fare to London is $289. Most flights are only three weeks, but some airlines are offering longer stays.

The major scheduled airlines offer a youth fare on regular flights. You must be between the ages of 12 and 21 and reservations are not confirmed until 5 days before departure, although you may list yourself at any time. Sample fares are Toronto to London, return $321 until May 31 and $406 high season.

The advantage of youth fares is that you can pick any day you want to leave, unlike fixed date charter flights; and you can also go into one city and leave from another, by taking half of each fare. You could fly into London and leave from Paris for about $330.

A new way to arrive or depart in Europe, has been added this year by the major shipping companies. They offer the student fare, for those between 16 and 24. Cunard Lines (QE 2), and Italian Lines (Michelangelo) have fares of $260 from New York to Europe.

The next step is to get a passport. Application forms are available at any post office. When you have filled in the proper form, obtained two passport sized photos, and included a fee of $10, you can take it to the Royal Trust Tower (TD Centre) Toronto 10th floor during business hours and have it processed in less than a week. If you are not in a hurry, mail it to Ottawa at the address indicated on the form.

Vaccinations are no longer necessary but if time permits get smallpox, typhoid, and cholera shots to protect yourself. For further information contact the local board of health.

Some countries require visas (Eastern European Nations) and these can usually be obtained in Toronto or Ottawa. Getting the proper document in Canada can save you long border waits, as well as extra costs. The office of External Affairs can advise you of any visas which you will require.

If you are a student, the International Student Identity Card is a must. It costs $2 and a photo of yourself. It can be picked up at the Association of Student Councils. The card opens up a world of savings in Europe. Many countries give free admission to state museums, ruins etc. with the card. It also allows you to participate in Intra-European Student Flights which are half the normal fares. It is also required for the Studentrail Pass, which allows unlimited rail travel in 13 countries for two months for only $180. The Railpass can be obtained from Germanrail, (regular Eurail Pass is $280 for 2 months), 45 Richmond St. West, Suite 706, Toronto or from any travel agent. If you are not a student but under 22 years of age, individual countries issue unlimited Youth Rail passes within their borders.

An example is BritRail — Youth Pass, which allows 15 days of unlimited Rail travel within Britain for only $55. It is important to note that any rail pass must be bought in Canada.

The three Ms are some of the most asked questions about European travel. Firstly, let's discuss money. No matter, what the currency situation, the U.S. dollar is still the most widely accepted unit of payment. If you are sure that you will always be within close reach of a bank you may wish to take Swiss Franc travellers' cheques which will be more stable, but harder to cash at a hotel. Both American Express and Cooks are widely cashed throughout Europe.

The second M, mail, can be sent to you to any of the offices of the above travellers' cheques companies. Just show your cheques, and they will hand you your mail free of charge. If you wish they can forward any other mail to your next stop.

The last M is maps, something that is as necessary as money for a trip to Europe. Each night in your hotel room, you can plan your route for the next day. The best bargain for maps is from the oil companies.

The Ontario Motor League also provides a similar service. Incidentally, if you plan to drive a car in Europe, get an International Drivers Licence at the OML.

Once you have all your red-tape cleared up and the final few days before your departure near, you should begin to pack. This should not be a fast five-minute job; instead plan it over a few days. The idea is to take as little as possible in a knapsack and yet have all the necessities. Your pack should weigh no more than 20 pounds. If it does you'll regret it.

If you fold everything in a ball you will still have half a knapsack for goods which you will buy in Europe.

The final topping to the knapsack should be the two following guide books.

The first is Europe on Five Dollars a Day by Arthur Frommer (Musson Book Co.). Every North American in Europe can be spotted a mile away because under his arm is this handy little book. I recommend it not for the hotel selections because they fill up very fast during the early part of the day, but for the sightseeing guide, transportation hints and generally tips about shopping.

The second book is Let's Go: the Student Guide to Europe, by Harvard Publications.

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JERUSALEM —

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Check particularly with your travel agent, since special Fly-and-Drive package arrangements are being offered as an attraction in the weeks ahead.

The choice of vehicle is important, particularly if you are reluctant to drive any but a North American car to which you are accustomed, but whose gasoline consumption is perhaps twice that of the smaller foreign vehicles.

The price of gasoline is not cheap in Israel, perhaps somewhat more than double that in North America, but since most Israelis drive the small, foreign cars which probably drive, on the average, double the miles per gallon of a Detroit model, the fuel cost just about evens out.

There are several other simple points to bear in mind, points essential in planning any motor tour, when working out details of a motor trip in Israel, which works on a metric system:

Distance signs on highways and roads are in kilometres rather than miles. One mile is the equivalent of 1.6 kms (kilimetres) or, conversly, one KM measures roughly .6 or 3/5 of a mile. It takes little getting used to: Thus, for example, driving on the smooth, divided, four-lane highway between Tel Aviv and Haifa, along the Mediterranean Coast, you will note the distance as 96 KMS — meaning approximately 60 miles.

Gasoline is sold by litre rather than the gallon, the equivalent being just a little more than 4½ litres to the gallon.

Temperatures are measured in Centigrades rather than Farenheit, and because there is no constant ratio, it is difficult to readily establish the exact equivalent of Farenheit to Centigrade. However, by rule of thumb you can convert to Farenheit, in taking 9/5 of the Centigrade figure, and adding 32.

Thus, if the temperature in Tel Aviv reads 30 at Centigrade, the Farenheit is 9/5 of 30 which is 54, plus 32, making it 86 degrees Farenheit.

Anyone who is not an instant mathematician, however, need just pick up the **Jerusalem Post** daily where temperatures are listed both in Farenheit and Centigrades, or listen to the English news broadcasts.

Planning your motor tour in Israel involves the use of a good map, of which Carta's Holyland Touring map is about the best; and of course, good motor maps are also available at any office of the Israel Government Tourism Ministry which are staffed with expert personnel in virtually every city of the country.

The tour can be divided roughly into three parts, with Tel Aviv serving more or less as the starting point:

The first part is roughly north along the Mediterranean Coast to Haifa, and into the interior of Galilee, Jezreel Valley, the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee, and the kibbuzim many of which have overnight accommodation.

The second part is Jerusalem which is east and slightly south of Tel Aviv, providing access to the West Bank and such holy places as Hebron and Bethlehem, then east to the Dead Sea and north along the Jordan Valley into biblical Samaria and Central Israel.

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NEW YORK —

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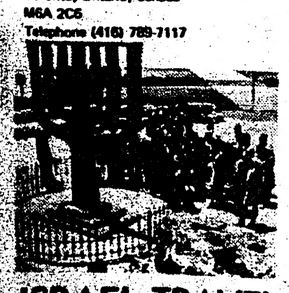

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There is plenty of winter activity in Canada, from Quebec Winter Carnival to dog racing

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Let's face it. It's cold in Canada in the winter. No wonder Canadians like to migrate south en masse like the birds.

For those who remain the skiing's great. But what do you do if you don't ski, yet are still nationalistic enough to want a winter vacation in Canada?

There's lots going on. And to help you on your way the airlines have some special discount airfares.

Airlines also have special weekend fares available all year between cities in Canada less than 700 miles apart. These fares are usually in effect all day Saturday and until 3 p.m. Sunday, and passengers can travel just for the weekend or stay at their destination two or three weeks.

All set then. Where do you want to go?

The Quebec Winter Carnival is probably Canada's best known winter event. Scheduled this winter for Feb. 6 to 16 it features bobsledding, ice sculptures and colorful outdoor festivities throughout the historic Old City. Your travel agent may know of special trips from your area by plane, train or bus, but be sure you book early.

If Quebec is too far away for you, look closer to home. A lot of other winter festivals have emerged in recent years and many of them are well worth a visit.

Among the biggest in Western Canada are the Festival du Voyageur, St. Boniface, Man. (Feb. 16-23) and the Trappers Festival The Pas, Man., (Feb. 12-16).

Daring enough for the Far North? Mayo in the Yukon has its own Winter Carnival in early March. Activities include dog racing, beer drinking and tug-o-war.

Ontario has festivals too. Elmira, near Kitchener, serves pancakes, maple syrup and coffee in the open air in early April. And North Bay throws a Winter Fur Carnival around the end of February.

Winter is also a big time for spectator sports in Canada. Lethbridge, Alta, hosts the Canada Winter Games slated for Feb. 11 through 22.

Nova Scotia is the place for Curling Championships this year. Moncton will host the MacDonald Canadian Lassie Curling Bonspiel. Feb. 23 to 28, while Fredericton will be the site of The Brier-Canadian Men's Curling Championship March 2 to 9.

Not a sports fan?

Then why not pick a Canadian city you've always wanted to visit and spend a week or a weekend there? Most major city hotels offer special weekend packages that not only give you a special room rate for Friday and Saturday nights but often include a number of extras such as a bottle of champagne or theatre tickets.

Want to get closer to the Canadian out-of-doors? A special Snow Train will operate Saturdays and Sundays from January to March through the awesome Agawa Canyon north from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. with return the same day. The one-day excursion is priced at $11 for adults, $6 for children and meals can be purchased on the train.

Manitours offers a one-week stay in Manitoba's Whiteshell Provincial Park which has facilities for snowmobiling, cross-country skiing and ice fishing. The package, including car for eight days and seven nights at a hotel in the park is priced from $199 per person sharing, plus airfare to Winnipeg.

— Courtesy Travel Counsellor

Easy health precautions could save one's vacation

By Wayne R. McKinney, M.D.

Some common sense health precautions apply to travel anywhere in the world.

If you have any continuing medical problem, consult your physician prior to departure as to fitness for activities. If you're on any medication, take along enough to last the entire trip.

Carry along an extra pair of glasses. When you're on the go, you don't have time to get another pair made.

In preparing for any trip, acquaint yourself with the climate of the country. And take along appropriate clothing so that you'll be comfortable in all your activities.

Check with your provincial health plan to see what coverage goes with you. While Ontario's insurance covers most everything, the other provincial plans are less generous. And even Ontario's would not be adequate if you're travelling to the States, especially to Florida and California. Several insurance companies such as Blue Cross offer travellers additional coverage for a small fee.

Try to begin any required immunizations at least two months prior to departure. Health regulations make some immunizations obligatory but others are advisable. For instance, any one travelling outside of North America and the U.K. should probably bring their polio, tetanus and diphtheria shots up to date and be immunized for typhoid. Gamma globulin is recommended for any one going to a "poor" country. It should be given just prior to departure at least 7 to 10 days after your last vaccination. Although it will not prevent hepatitis, gamma globulin often makes the disease less severe. Even if your physician gives you the required vaccinations, they'll have to be validated by Public Health.

Travellers to the U.K., the U.S. and the Caribbean won't have to worry about malaria. But if you're going to visit the more exotic countries, you may need to take anti-malarial medication. Public Health will tell you if the country that you're planning to visit is a malarial area.

After any significant time zone change, constipation is common. But just drink extra fluids, stick to familiar foods for a few days and don't worry about it.

Diarrhea is often more of a problem. But it's also best treated by dietary therapy alone and not by drugs. By switching to "clear liquids" for the first 24 hours after an "attack," most diarrheas will be brought under control. This means sticking to water, tea, ginger ale, coke and fruit juices and avoiding solid food, milk and all alcoholic beverages.

Entero-Vioform and its related drugs are not recommended for "traveller's diarrhea." The Medical Letter, a respected medical journal, says that Entero-Vioform has been widely prescribed for amoebic dysentery and the prevention of "traveller's diarrhea" but that it should not be used because it has been implicated in a severe neurological disease called "subacute myelo-optic neuropathy."

Prevention is so much more valuable in the tropics. You can avoid a lot of intestinal upsets by drinking only bottled certified water, or water boiled and cooled in the container in which it has been boiled. Remember that dirty hands or unclean containers can still contaminate safe water so stick to the well known eating places. When you're touring the city and become thirsty, drink carbonated beverages. Consider uncarbonated soft drinks unsafe.

Don't walk around barefooted. Some parasites, like hookworms, can gain access to your body by penetrating the soles of your feet without you even knowing it. And swim only in hotel swimming pools or in salt water even if local "experts" tell you a particular river or lake is safe.

Eat no raw fruit or vegetable unless they have an unbroken skin and have been well washed with safe water and peeled by clean hands before eating. Boil or bake all others. And never eat poorly cooked food of any kind, especially meats.

If you become ill during your trip, ask to see the hotel doctor. Most first class hotels will have a western-trained physician on call for their guests. Or you can contact the Canadian High Commissioner's office or an American embassy or consulate and ask for the name of an English or French speaking physician. And then check with your own physician when you return. And remember that common sense precautions, taken without undue concern and fuss, are excellent protection against all illness.

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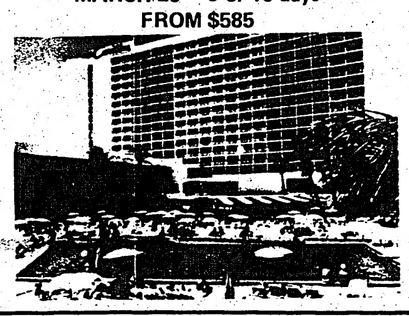

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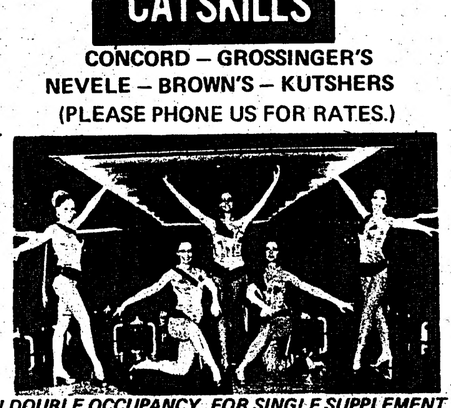

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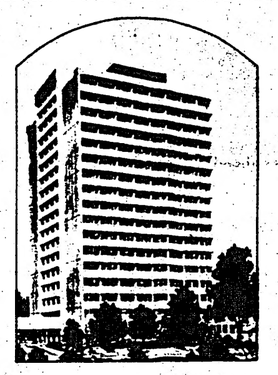

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Winter On The Go

'Shopping abroad is half the fun of a trip'

By MARGARET NESS

Shopping is a definite part of most holidays. And everyone is interested in duty free shopping.

Originally, in sailing days, a duty free port was where imports were allowed to land without paying taxes. Now the emphasis is on duty free shops at airports. But tourists who wait to make final purchases at either the duty free airport or port shop are frequently disappointed. Choices are not usually as wide as in the cities and often prices are not that much lower. Recently in Ireland I purchased some Connemara marble keyrings in Connemara district and paid less than at Shannon's duty free airport shop.

My firm conviction after years of travelling and comparative shopping is to buy whatever you really want immediately, if the price seems right. Of course you may not want to lug the purchases around in your suitcase for the rest of your trip and would rather chance the duty free airport shop. That's a decision you have to make. But for me, airport shopping is for last minute remembered gifts and to get rid of any left-over foreign currency. Or, of course, for some in-transit buying when passing through a city.

A shopping yardstick that too many tourists neglect is to pre-price merchandise in which they're interested at home stores. Make a list. This applies particularly to French perfumes, British sweaters and woolens, cut glass (Irish, Danish or German), watches, transistor radios, etc. Make your list foolproof. For example, list the Canadian prices of your favorite brand name perfumes re: bottle sizes for both essence and cologne. English china comes into Canada duty free but is subject to 12% federal tax (unless under your free customs quota), so check your list carefully if planning to buy and remember you pay any mailing charges.

Of course you can't always win. Once I purchased a Pringle of Scotland cardigan in Edinburgh and found a duplicate at savings in a January sale at home. But make it a rule to have no regrets. Shopping abroad is half the fun of a trip. And as for gifts — they just have to bought abroad to be a conversation piece.

Incidentally you are permitted to mail home to friends (even to yourself) gifts under $10. The only requirement is that you don't shower the same friend and yourself with mailed gifts — obviously trying to beat the customs. You are also permitted to bring into the country $100 worth of goods per person once a calendar year on a written declaration. However you must be out of the country at least 12 days — really 13 for the first day doesn't count. Four times a calendar year you may bring in $25 worth of goods on a verbal declaration after being out of the country for 48 hours.

But to return to the duty free tag. It's a bit confusing in the Caribbean, one of the popular vacation areas.

Some islands allow merchandise to enter free of import duty and permit both its citizens and tourists to buy the merchandise. You pay and take it with you. Other islands keep duty free goods for tourists only. You pay for the goods which are then drawn from the store's duty free merchandise and delivered to the airport or cruise ship prior to your flight or sailing time. But be sure to leave sufficient time (suggested 48 hours before departure) for delivery. If your cruise ship is docking for only a few hours, shop at the duty free port shop.

But don't be fooled by the non duty free islands. A few have such a low import duty as to make the prices almost as good a bargain as on duty free islands. Dutch Curacao (pronounced curasow) is a good example.

Most Caribbean islands stock up on French perfumes; Swiss and German watches; Japanese and German tape recorders, transistor radios and cameras; liquors and liqueurs; Liberty scarves and English woolens and Sea Island cotton with the best coming from St. Vincent island, as well as native crafts.

Store hours vary widely. A few, as in Spain, close at noon. Others are open from 8 or 8:30 a.m. to 4 or 5 p.m. Some are open on Sunday and always when a cruise ship is in port. Others close half day on Saturday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Here is brief information on shopping streets and stores:

ANTIGUA:

In St. John's the luxury goods are surprisingly low, liquor and watches in particular. The island claims Scotch whisky is cheaper than anywhere else in the world. The Anglo-American Stores will run up a dress in 48 hours. The Co-Co Shop features products from the Antigua Pottery and locally hand-printed clothing. Y de Lima's jewelry store imports items from the other islands as does the Ship Wreck Shop.

BARBADOS:

Broad Street in Bridgetown has the Cave Shepherd's very modern department store. Pelican Village on Princess Alice Highway, is a cluster of some 30 shops with Bajan arts crafts. There's also the West Indies Handicrafts at Pierhead Lane. And of course, you'll want to buy the light Barbados rum.

BERMUDA:

Front Street is very cosmopolitan with such shops as 168-year old Gosling's, 130-year-old Trimingham's Bamboo Gate, Irish Linen Shop and the Bermuda Crafts featuring local merchandise. Be sure to visit the Lili perfume factory and buy the unique Easter Lily scent. Most liquors, including Scotch, and liqueurs are real savings over Canadian prices.

HAWAII:

South Sea products are on sale along with a locally-produced macadamia nut liquor.

JAMAICA:

Kingston has Victoria Crafts Market with its native products. The largest stores are on King and Harbour Streets. And of course, there are boutiques at all the well-known resorts. Jamaica is one of the islands with duty free merchandise for tourists only.

MARTINIQUE AND GUADELOUPE:

These are French islands and naturally feature merchandise from France. Fort-de-France, Martinique, has more and better shops than Guadeloupe. Roger Albert is a well-known three storey store on rue Victor Hugo where you can get 20% discount with Canadian or U.S.A. travellers' cheques. Au Printemps is a branch of the Paris department store.

MEXICO:

Local handicrafts are the best buys and these vary from area to area. For silver try Taxco, Guadalajara and San Miguel del Allende. Basketry is best in Toluca, Oaxaca and Merida. Pottery ceramics come from Tlaquepaque, Tonala, Metepec, Oaxaca, Puebla, Acatlan and Tlaxcala.

NASSAU:

In Hamilton, it's Bay Street with large department stores and Rawson Square with its straw market. Angelo's Art Shop on Harold Road is worth a visit.

SAINT MAARTEN AND THE NETHERLAND ANTILLES (Curacao, Aruba and Bonaire):

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Margaret Ness is a Toronto travel writer.

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Remedial benefit of hot mineral springs proves Dead Sea area very much alive

JERUSALEM —

The Dead Sea, it would appear, is not dead. It is alive and well, and drawing thousands of health and holiday-seeking tourists, young and old, to its shores.

Instead of the fire and brimstone that rained down in Biblical times, visitors today find year-round sunshine and enjoy the remedial benefits of modern-day miracle treatments together with the latest in luxury accommodations.

Jacob Adler, the 34-year-old scion of an Israel hotel family and one of the pioneer developers of the Dead Sea area, is the owner-manager of the Galei Zohar Hotel. He explains the fascination of the visitors with the hot mineral springs and the Dead Sea as follows:

"First there are those that are genuinely ill. They believe the waters and the treatments and the climate help them get well." He adds, "When you have seen as many get better as I have, you cannot remain a skeptic. You yourself begin to believe."

Adler also notes that a large number of middle-aged women come to the spas because of the reputed rejuvenating qualities. "I hear them comparing second husbands," he says with a grin, "and if they think the water will help them, whom am I to argue."

There must be something to the stories. Hotels on the Dead Sea have the highest occupancy rate in Israel. There are already three hotels in the area with a total of 450 rooms and a hotel with an additional 220 rooms is slated to open shortly.

The ancients called the Dead Sea the "Lake of Asphalt" because of the quantities of asphalt found by the shore, and King Herod, reflecting Roman influence frequented these waters.

It was Herod who built the fortress at Masada, 1,500 ft. above the Dead Sea shore. Then, as today, the Dead Sea shore could have been a weekend watering place for his land-locked followers living in Jerusalem, but in Herod's day this meant a whole day's ride through the rock-strewn Judean Wilderness. Today, the Dead Sea is a mere 30-minute drive from Jerusalem, along a scenic highway that easily navigates the 3,000 foot descent from the heights of Jerusalem to the lowest spot on earth.

The Dead Sea resorts — the health spa established near the Zohar Hot Springs, the sea and natural springs at Ein Bokek and Ein Gedi — are a haven of healing for persons affected by a variety of muscular and rheumatic ailments, by skin and traumatic diseases, and also for those suffering from allergies.

Aside from the natural attractions of the area and the curative powers of the thermal springs, the Dead Sea offers a unique climate.

The average temperature ranges from 86 to 106 degrees between September and April. The humidity level never goes above 48%, and is usually between 35 and 45%. There are no foggy days, few clouds and no rain to speak of.

Ongoing medical research, conducted by skin specialists, has shown that the Dead Sea area offerings of frequent salt baths, prolonged direct exposure to sunlight, opportunities for relaxation and the specially dry, high air-pressure conditions, are excellent for the treatment of psoriasis.

Europeans by the hundreds, particularly Scandinavians whose year-round damp, cold weather is totally lacking in the good climate we Israelis take for granted, can be found soaking up the health giving sun by the hour. The hotels are bustling centers of activity and have a revolutionary effect on the area.

How does the Ein Bokek Hotel Manager, Jacob Adler feel with all these people having a good time so close to the location of the Biblical towns of Sodom and Gomorrah?

"Well, I for one would be against ever allowing gambling in this area," he says.

When it comes to the future of the Dead Sea area, Jacob Adler and the others in Israel who are connected with the development of the desert, have taken a lesson from the legend of Mrs. Lot. Her memorial is a tall salt and sand landmark that can be seen for miles. They know when not to look back.

That's the life — sunshine, water, a drink and clean fresh air. Young lady enjoys a visit to Dead Sea.

The Benelux countries are 'gourmet centres'

The Benelux countries, right in the heart of Europe, are in my opinion, the gourmet centers of the continent.

The food in Belgium, especially in the medium price range, is superior even to that in France.

The people in all three countries exhibit four distinct cultures and there's the added plus in the Netherlands that almost everywhere you go someone will speak English.

Amsterdam has long been the young person's summer gateway into Europe and in winter it's a haven for the arts buff. It boasts some of the finest art galleries in Europe including the new Van Gogh Museum.

Germany has rapidly gained a reputaion for being super-expensive — a reputation gained mainly because of the extremely high prices charged at its top grade hotels.

Any travel agent should have a copy of the manual produced by the German National Tourist Office which details some extremely reasonably priced tours of the country together with value-for-money hotel rates.

Although prices are rising in southern Europe, they were so low to begin with that, by Canadian standards Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece are still budget destinations.

In fact the Italian lire stands so low on the international market that exchange rates are particularly attractive to Canadians right now.

For real sun destinations in Europe one would have to travel as far south as Portugal's Algarve coast, Spain's southern Mediterranean coast or the Canary Islands or southern Italy. Greece boasts particularly temperate weather during the winter.

As far as winter sports are concerned the European meccas are Switzerland, France and Austria.

But beware. Of those three Austria is the least expensive and in France and Switzerland it's quite possible to spend a great deal of money in a relatively short time.

Scandinavia, where the winters are just like ours, is also making a big push for the winter sport business.

Sweden and Norway boast the world's best cross-country ski facilities and reasonable prices can be found. A visit to Sweden should not miss Stockholm where prices can be horrendous but where, with a little care, bargains can still be found.

As in a number of European cities one of those bargains is a day on the house.

These are generally offered by countries through which one arrives from Canada, and are a way of getting the transit visitor to stay just a little bit longer.

The practice began 11 years ago in Amsterdam and has now spread to many cities in Europe including London, Brussels, Copenhagen and Stockholm.

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The most popular type of skiing in both countries is Nordic ski-touring, better known in Canada as cross-country skiing, but in recent years a great number of centres have also added ski lifts and slalom slopes for downhill runs.

Scandinavian ski resorts offer the full range of facilities — good hotels, ski instruction, lifts, miles of marked trails, rental equipment and plenty of apres-ski activity.

The main concentration of Norwegian ski centres is in the mountain ranges along the two principal railroads between Oslo and Bergen on the west coast and Oslo and Trondheim in the north. The southern province of Telemark, home of the Sondre Nordheim, the 19th century inventor of modern ski bindings, also has a generous share of good skiing facilities.

Among the most popular Norwegian areas, which offer opportunities for both Nordic and downhill skiing are Voss and Geilo, easily reached by rail from Bergen; Lillehammer, a 2½ hour rail trip out of Oslo; and the Norefjell area just west of Oslo, making that city the only capital in Europe which also can boast of being a winter sports centre.

Other good areas are located at Gol, Hemsedal and Ustaoset on the Bergen-Oslo railroad line.

A popular pastime in Norway is ski touring from one mountain lodge to another accompanied by specially trained dog-sled teams. Each team consists of five huskies trained to pull a sled with about 300 pounds of luggage, so skiers need not be burdened with heavy rucksacks. The teams are led by Norwegians ski experts and while it is not necessary for participants to be experts, some skiing experience is required.

Some of the best skiing in the world can be found in Scandinavia. Especially popular is cross country skiing which there is called Nordic Ski Touring.

Sweden's major ski centres are located in the northern provinces of Dalarna, Harjadalen and Jamtland and in Lapland, still farther north, where the season extends all the way into summer. However, there are numerous opportunities for skiing in central and southern Sweden during much of the winter.

Among the top Swedish ski resorts easily reached from Stockholm are those at Salen, a seven-hour trip by rail; Are-Duved, a 400-mile trip by daily highspeed coaches; Rattvik, approximatly four hours by train; and Riksgransen, in northern Lapland, where snow covers the ground well into June. The cost of a winter sports vacation in Norway and Sweden need not be expensive. Hotels at ski resorts average $20 per day, full pension, but even less expensive accommodations are available in cottages and log cabins which can be rented by the week.

An important part of the Scandinavian ski scene are annual competitions held at major centres during the season. The famous 55-mile across-country Vasa Race held on the first Sunday in March, in Sweden's Dalarna province, draws some 8,000 competitors, including world champions as well as unknown enthusiasts. Holmenkollen Days in Oslo, which are scheduled from March 2-9 in 1975, attract the best international skiers to cross-country and jumping events, the highlight of which is the final jumping contest on Sunday, March 9, usually attended by more than 130,000 spectators. On March 16, the Birkebeiner Ski Race between Lillehammer and Rena covers 35 miles along an ancient Viking route.

Skating rinks abound in Scandinavia (Oslo alone, operates 72 during the winter season) and if you haven't packed your own, you can rent figure or speed skates at city parks or resort area rinks for anywhere from 60 cents a day to $1 an hour.

Ice hockey and bandy (a form of hockey played with a ball and curved sticks) provide feverish competition throughout the winter and curling marches have become a craze in recent years.

If you've never tried "sparkstotting," or kicksled you can have fun giving it a try. It's popular Scandinavian style locomotion which children use to and from school and adults find handy for bringing home the groceries. Horse-drawn sleigh rides are an added romantic touch at a number of winter resort areas, especiaily those in Sweden's folklore district of Dalarna and at major Norwegian centres such as Oslo, Geilo, Lillehammer and Voss, where evening torch light trips are part of the apres-ski scene.

Scandinavian dining, discothequing or just dreaming by the fireside also provide after-hours fun, rounding out a perfect winter holiday.

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Consult expert on travel needs

By JOHN WARDALL

Arranging a vacation is becoming more complex every year with new types of tours, new air fares and a wider choice of destinations available to the Canadian traveller.

There is no way even the more experienced traveller can keep up with all the developments which could affect his vacation.

Air fares alone are now so complex that two people sitting together on an aircraft could be paying fares differing by hundreds of dollars for the same seat and the same service. Many tour packages will give you hotel accommodation and other perks such as theatre tickets and car rental plus the flight for substantially less than the flight alone under a different fare plan.

Tour programs are given special codes by the industry to describe the various items put together to provide the total package. They include GITs, FITs, IITs and may tie in with scheduled flights or charter flights. They all provide something different and are designed to appeal to the requirements of specific types of traveller.

Hotels also vary widely and appeal to different types of clientele, some resort areas are for the young set and others are for the older, more conservative tourist.

Cruise ships, of course, are a classic example of the wrong choice ruining a vacation. If you are on a ship for two weeks and don't like it, the annual vacation turns into a disappointing waste of time and money.

All this points to the importance of making the right decision, getting value for money and being assured that your vacation will go ahead as planned.

The best way of ensuring this is to consult a professional counsellor specializing in arranging vacations. That means a travel agent, otherwise known as a travel counsellor. And, before the astronomical fees associated with consultants in most other fields come to mind, it should be stressed that travel agents very rarely charge for any of their services. Their costs are covered by the airlines, tour operators or other parties from whom you eventually purchase your vacation.

In addition to advising clients on destinations and mode of travel, travel agents make all the necessary reservations, handle ticketing and documentation and are equipped to arrange travel insurance and any necessary visas.

Bear in mind also that, because of the volume of business a travel agent provides, he has far more influence in obtaining the best accommodation and conditions or obtaining satisfaction for any subsequent complaints than an individual traveller could possibly have.

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Here are some good travel tips to bypass vacation headaches

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On international scheduled flights economy passengers may bring 44 pounds of luggage while first-class passengers are allowed 66 pounds. Charter passengers normally are also allowed 66 pounds.

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VISAS

A visa or visitor's card is required as an entry permit by many countries in the world.

Communist countries and most countries in Africa and Asia require visas, but wherever you are going, check with a travel agent to see if you will need a visa.

Some visas can be obtained at the point of entry, but others must be applied for and received in Canada, in which case allow plenty of time for processing.

Some countries — Mexico for example — require a visitor's card. This must be obtained in advance of departure. The Mexican visitor's card is a one-entry permit, valid for 180 days and obtainable from the Mexican Embassy, Consulate, Government Tourist Office or airline flying regularly to Mexico.

Look for familiar crossed Golden Keys badge when you are in need of assistance in Europe

By FRED D. JOHNSON

If you need help for any kind of travel problem in Europe, look for the crossed golden keys. These are to be found on the lapels of hotel hall porters or concierges, as they are sometimes called. Don't confuse these men with luggage porters whose job it is to carry your bags.

The chief hall porter of most good European hotels is one of about 2,400 members of the prestigious Clef d'Or organization with headquarters in Paris. He is distinguished by the white badge he wears, with crossed gold keys on it, as well as the embroidered keys on his coat. To wear this badge, he must speak a minimum of English and German in addition to his own language, have gone through ten years of apprenticeship and been accepted by the Clef d'Or headquarters of his own country.

This man is an encyclopedia of travel information and an authority on how to get the most enjoyment from visiting his own community. He can help you in ways you'll never experience when visiting Canadian or United States hotels. He is frustrated because most people from our part of the world don't know what he is prepared to do for them. As a result, they get into unnecessary troubles and miss a lot of enjoyment when they visit Europe.

I first learned about Clef d'Or from Andy Andersen, Hall Porter #1 of The Royal Hotel, in Copenhagen, Denmark. I had to visit the little town of Faxe about twenty miles outside of the city and asked Andersen how to get tickets. He told me he'd be happy to arrange this for me.

Looking up his bus and railroad timetables, he discovered I'd have to waste over an hour going by train because there was no through connection. Thus, he advised me to go directly by bus and as a result I saved both money and time. As if this wasn't enough, he also got the tickets for me.

When I expressed surprise at this unaccustomed service, he told me it was standard for his profession. I learned he and his fellow Clef d'Or members set up personal connections with theatres, social clubs, restaurants, night clubs, sports organizations, car hire companies and virtually every other kind of organization that can provide services to travellers or tourists. They can and will reserve hard-to-get tickets, the best tables in dining rooms and arrange temporary or complimentary membership in local clubs.

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Before calling on Andy Andersen's magic, I had twice been turned back when I tried to buy a ticket on the hydrofoil boat connecting Copenhagen with Malmo, Sweden. Andersen solved this problem by reserving in advance, (something I didn't know could be done) and giving me a slip of paper that put me on all "sold-out" boats in the future.

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Audience hears fine address on Chassidic music

music

By RICK KARDONNE

A crowd of about 250 braved bitterly cold weather to hear an immensely enlightening address by Toronto-born Professor Velvel Pasternak (of Touro College, New York) on the history and evolution of Chassidic music.

Musicologists have long negated the study of Chassidic music, dismissing it, like some dismiss Yiddish as a jargon. In truth, even though Chassidic music has always borrowed elements of the musical forms in the immediate surrounding cultures, it has always adapted them and reworked them into a distinguishable Jewish framework which is freely and soulfully a vehicle of authentic Jewish expression. Other folk styles were rigidly parochial; Chassidic music was exactly the opposite.

In fact, the first Lubavitcher Rebbe, Schneur Zalman, explicitly ordered his followers to incorporate the "holy" (genuinely soulful) elements of outside cultures, into the collective authentic Jewish experience. Often these elements came from most unlikely sources; for example, a famous Napoleonic march of 1800 was reworked into a Chassidic framework, freely molding and reshaping it so as to fit into the distinct Jewish neshamah.

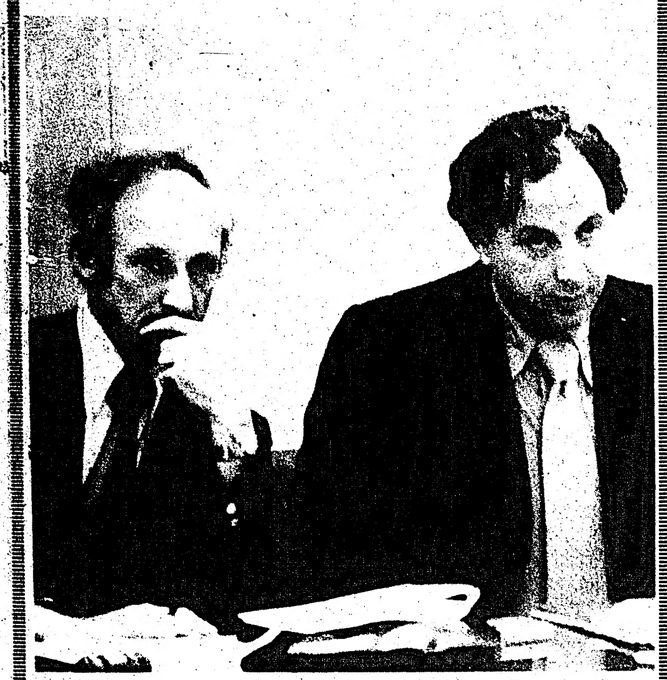
This eclecticism was by no means assimilation, for the distinctively Jewish elements remained constant. One of these distinct Chassidic styles was that of singing ostensibly nonsense syllables to accentuate a freesoul expression; a style no other culture used, prior to the "sha-na-na" rock n'roll of the late 50s. Rebbe Schneur Zalman believed words to be finite and thus insufficient means of true expression; he ordered his followers to sing without words so as to convey true **kedushim.** The syllables sung by each Chassidic sect differed from one another: for example, the Gerer Chassidim sang in a **ya di ya di** form; the Lubavitchers sang **yamahamana** while the Bobovers invented the **bimbambim** style. All Chassidic music employed the **li li** and **oy oy** sounds.

There were several specific types of nigunim: for dancing, eating, learning, thinking, and even marching (as a boost for self-esteem). Every Chassidic rebbe wrote marches; the Modzitzer Rebbe's music was incorporated into Israeli marches. eli marches.

Chassidic orchestras in the stieblach did not exist. Only on Succoth and Chanukah were any instruments allowed. Therefore, the music was only vocal. Unlike other folk music styles, Chassidim, for the most part, did not create their own texts. The lyrics were always from the Torah and Tenach, except in the case of the Hobover Chassidim, who did mix in some Yiddish with the original Hebrew scriptures. Until 1954, Chassidim were not allowed to write down their music, out of fear that each nigun had such **kedusha** that it could not be disseminated to the public at large.

The decision by Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Schneerson at that time to repeal that ruling came too late, and much of this genuinely soulful, straight-from-the-heart, do-your-own-thing style of music has been lost. However, of course, what Chassidic music that does exist is still very much **kedusha,** and is regarded as such. For example, during a 1965 Lubavitcher recording session at a midtown New York studio, the choir refused to sing when a leotard-clad balletina from an adjoining studio stumbled into their room by mistake; this was entirely out of keeping with the **farbrengen** atmosphere.

As Chassidic music has always been eclectic, so it will remain so. The Israeli Chassidim are incorporating Sephardic styles; the Bostoner Rebbe has incorporated rural Midwest folk tunes; and it should come as no surprise to see the reggae music of the Jamaicans who now constitute the majority in Crown Heights, New York, the world Lubavitcher centre, play its role as one more integral element in the fascinatingly eclectic, yet always uniquely distinctive sound which is Chassidic music.



Prof. Perry Meyer (left), chairman of the executive committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and CJC national executive director Alan Rose in a reflective mood at the recent national executive meeting in Toronto. Topics discussed included Soviet and Cuban Jewry and Yiddish activity.

CJC, AJCS considering merger

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complex issue of representation on the organization's board; for, while Congress has all its officials elected, members of the AJCS board of trustees are both elected and appointed.

Representation at AJCS is not necessarily "less democratic," as officials at Congress often suggest, Bronfman added, since the composition of its board of trustees takes into account as many segments of the community as possible.

Union between AJCS and the CJC could alleviate the resentment Congress feels over the allocation of funds by AJCS, he said.

"If you're a recipient of funds, you're always angry at the one who's doling out the money. It's a difficult situation for AJCS when Congress feels 'Why should AJCS decide who's going to get it? The merger would avoid that problem."

Bronfman said he still sees arguments against merging. Some AJCS officials feel Congress should speak for the community in the political domain while AJCS, which has agencies that are interlinked with the government, should be able to remain aloof from the political scene. Others worry that the new organization would be too big to handle effectively.

"It would be a tremendous way of harnessing power, though," he declared. "I don't see it happening through a formal proposal, but more through informal discussions ...I've made no secret that I personally would be happy to see it come about."

Does the AJCS president feel, like Leon Teitelbaum, that the education question is a barometer indicating the possibilities for a successful merger metween AJCS and the CJC here?

"Not necessarily, answered Bronfman, "there may be other reasons for the difficulties with education that are quite apart from both Congress and AJCS."

Entertainment aided by Israel's army

By Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

Like many other Israelis, David Hausman believes that the lively entertainment industry there would not be what it is today had it not been for the army.

The best recording talent — Arik Einstein, Puggi, Matti Caspi, Chava Alberstein and Miri Aloni — freely admit that the success they enjoy today is no small measure due to the national exposure they received while performing with the army's popularly acclaimed entertainment troupes — Lehacah and Zevet Havai, integral components of the military's education department.

Hausman, 22, currently in the midst of an around the world journey, can comment on the army's entertainment program with knowledge and authority because he was very actively involved in managing the affairs of both Lehacah and Zevet Havai in the course of his 3½ year military career.

Nephew of Toronto photographer Leo Hausman, David was appointed to manage Zevet Havai in 1972, and he was quite pleased with the assignment because of his deep and abiding interest in music.

Explaining the way in which the army's entertainment program is set up, Hausman told **The Canadian Jewish News** that each major branch of the Israel defense forces — ranging from the armed corps to the Southern Command — has its own troupe. Called a Lehacah each troupe is composed of some 20 to 25 soldiers almost evenly divided between males and females. Attracting the "creme de la creme," **Lehacah's** members put on variety shows throughout the country for soldiers five days a week. On the battle front, they usually perform three shows a day. They stage an annual festival for the public.

David Hausman

Zevet Havai a much smaller version of Lehacah, has no more than 10 members, possesses a less ambitious repertoire and travels without elaborate stage sets or electronic equipment.

As well, the army boasts of a classical music quartet and a rabbinical choir.

Hausman was given command of the armed corps' **Lehacah** a month before the Yom Kippur War. During the war, Hausman's troupe often performed as many as four daily shows of 1½ hours each.

"We felt we were doing something important," recalled Hausman. "Whenever we finished a show the troops should come and tell us how thankful they were. We did our part to raise morale. And we became stronger, too."

In spite of the financial difficulties besetting the groups, it is universally acknowledged that Lehacah and Zevet Havai are indispensable adjuncts of the Israeli entertainment industry. Hausman estimates that about ¼ of the soldiers belonging to the troupes eventfully go on to become professional singers or actors.

Considering the bright array of singing talent in Israel, Hausman finds it disconcerting that few of them ever perform before live audiences in the Diaspora. "Jews should be exposed to the best graduates of Lehacah and Zevet Havai - people like Arik Einstein, Puggi and Chava Alberstein," he says. "It's too bad they only hear 'shalom, Zion and Yerushalyim.' There's so much more to Israeli songs than that."

Hausman is not merely blowing off steam; he intends to try to convince American recording studios that Israel offers the world more than merely songs about religion and national devotion. He also will attempt to sell a portfolio of "personal songs" he composed in English in the last few years. One of his songs, **Golden Job,** was recently recorded in Israel.

Interested in musical composition, painting and photography, Hausman is still undecided as to what he will do with himself when his trip ends next June. Whether he becomes a composer, painter or photographer, David Hausman is likely to bring as much zest and dedication to his chosen profession as he did when he headed Lehacah and Zevet Havai.

ZOC parley

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the Zionist Organization of Canada by Prof. Murray Adaskin, of British Columbia, in honor of Israel's 27th anniversary. Jeffrey Krolik 17, son of Albert Krolik, a national vice-president of the Z.O.C. from Saskatoon, will play the violin. An Israeli pianist will accompany Jeffrey.

A cocktail party sponsored by the Zionist Organization of Canada in co-operation with the Toronto Zionist Council will be tendered for all convention participants from Toronto and environs on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. in the Jerusalem Hall, Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Avenue.

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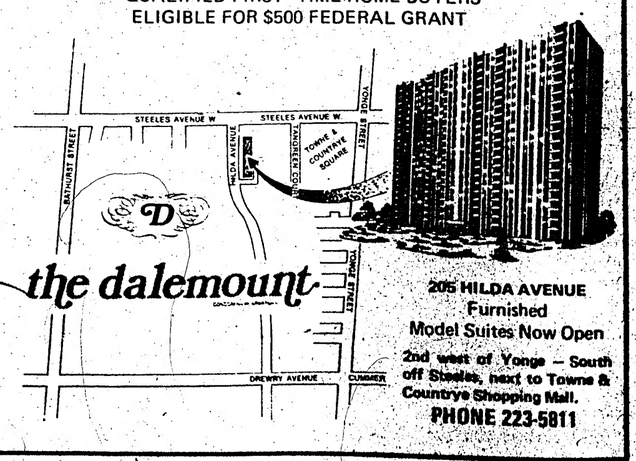

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By MISHA LOUVISH

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"As a result of the historic catastrophe in which Titus of Rome destroyed Jerusalem and Israel was exiled from its land, I was born in one of the cities of the Exile. But I always regarded myself as one who was born in Jerusalem."

The Hebrew word for this kind of "immigration" — Aliyah ("ascent") — is based on the statement about the first return from Babylon over 2,500 years ago:

Now these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity that were in exile (Ezra, 2:1).

"Went up" seems to have been meant literally, for Judea is higher than Babylonia, but the term Aliyah has taken on a deeper meaning: ascent to freedom and independence from a position of inferiority in exile. The Jew who comes to live in Israel is an oleh.

Throughout the centuries when the majority of the Jewish people lived in exile, the bond with the homeland was preserved by a number of means: the devotion to the Holy Land enshrined and fortified by liturgy, ceremonies and the festivals of the Jewish calendar; contributions by Jews abroad to the upkeep of the Temple and, after its destruction, to the maintenance of religious academies and of the communities that remained; and, in a sometimes thin but never entirely interrupted stream, by the coming of individuals and groups to live, study and work in the Land of Israel.

The Return to Zion from Babylonia in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah (in the 6th and 5th centuries before the Common Era) was the prelude to the re-establishment of Jewish autonomy and sovereignty. The same process in the 19th and 20th centuries, under the inspiration and with the aid of the Zionist movement, led to the establishment of the modern State of Israel. Continued Aliyah is a fundamental element in its progress and consolidation.

The young religious couples and singles who make up Garin (core group) Neot Midbar of Noam, have scheduled December 1975 as the date for their Hachshara (training) period in Israel to begin. This training period will take place on Maasoot Yitzrak a religious settlement near the city of Ashkelon. Several couples with school age children will leave for Israel in August of 1975.

The agricultural settlement they plan to establish will be a Moshav Shitufi, which combines individual family living with co-operative work arrangements. It will be one of four religious settlements projected for the Katif area.

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The Garin is actively seeking to increase its membership. For additional information contact: The Israel Aliyah Center, N.Y., 10010 or phone (212) 689–1414.

January 14, 1975

Dear Fellow Jews:

ALIYAH MONTH 1975

Aliyah and the absorption of new immigrants has always been of the utmost importance to Israel, both before and after its establishment as the Jewish State. However, the realizations brought home to the Israeli Government and the Zionist Movement as a result of the Yom Kippur War and the current events in the Arab World have given Aliyah an added significance and urgency.

Recent events in the U.N. have demonstrated to Israel, and to Jews throughout the world, that the guarantee of the continued survival of Israel, and all that Israel means to us, is through the unity of the the Jewish people. And, as important as political and monetary support are, they alone are not enough to maintain this unity. The unity of the Jewish people must be established through a strong personal and physical bond with the State of Israel, **a bond of Aliyah.**

The Israeli Government and the World Zionist Organization have therefore once again designated a worldwide "Aliyah Month" to inform world Jewry of both the importance and necessity of Aliyah at this crucial time.

The Aliyah Month will take place in Canada during the month of Adar (Feb.–March) 5735. During this Month the emphasis will be on small seminars and meetings to be held in the homes of members of your organization. (Chapter, Lodge, Branch,).

Thanking you for your kind co-operation and looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

JOSHUA BAR–EL
Director,
Israel Aliyah Centre

MAX SHECTER
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SPEAKERS & TOPICS

Speakers — Speakers are available (also on a year-round basis) on the following topics:

Why Should I Leave Toronto? - We don't promise you a rose garden only a home where your children will hum Yerushalayim Shel Zhav rather than Jingle Bells.

Do You Really Care? — A discussion of probabilities - the lost ten Tribes - what about your children and grandchildren?

Plans For Successful Aliyah — A three year program to prepare the potential Oleh. Outlines various opportunities for businessmen and professionals regarding business opportunities, employment, education and housing.

Housing In Israel — What to look for in housing, mortgage arrangements, house committees, neighborhood improvement, rentals, costs insurance, etc.

Employment In Israel — Job prospects, opportunities, agencies, how to look for a job, salaries, indirect benefits, etc.

The Housewife In Israel - The economics of running a house, shopping, cooking, what to do with the kids, entertaining, household help, etc.

Education — What happens to the kids, pre-school to university, facilities, teaching methods, problems of adjustment, etc.

Money & Banking - Investments In Israel — How to transfer funds, pensions, and incomes. What services do banks provide and methods of operation, taxes, etc.

SLIDE SHOWS

Slide shows — The following is a list of slide shows, narration included on accompanying cassette tape.

Welcome To Israel — A survey of the temporary absorption facilities for new immigrants. This is a look at absorption centers, immigrant hostels, city and kibbutz ulpanim.

First Steps — An introduction exploring the steps one should take before going on Aliyah to Israel, and what to expect once one gets there.

Housing — An examination of the current housing situation in Israel. This covers both government and private housing as well as discussing the mortgages available to new immigrants.

Universities — For students considering studying in Israel, this program offers a brief look at each of the six major institutions of higher learning in Israel and the undergraduate programs they offer.

Silence Is Shattered: Israel At War — A slide presentation of the events which transpired during the Yom Kippur War.

FILM LIST

Film list — The following is a list of 16mm color and sound films available.

Get Back (15 min.) — A fast moving, often times humorous film which provides an interesting glimpse of new immigrants and Aliyah in general. An excellent introductory film on Aliyah.

Israel As A Challenge (30 min.) — A kaleidoscopic view of new immigrants and their absorption into Israeli society based on brief interviews.

Women In Israel (30 min.) — Interviews with four women who have settled in Israel with their families. Filmed in two parts, the first prior to the Yom Kippur War and the second immediately after, the film explores their adjustments and the problems they faced as well as their reaction to the war.

Four Stories (17 min.) — Interviews with four American professionals who have successfully adjusted to Israeli society. The professions discussed include medicine, engineering, data processing, and educational psychology.

A Certain Knowledge (30 min.) — A description of the Israeli educational system from kindergarten, through high school, including reactions of new immigrant children to the school system.

Kids Make It Well (25 min.) — A film about how children of new immigrants adjust to their new environment and the Israeli educational system.

Professional Retraining (16 min.) — A description of the programs offered for retraining professionals who come to live in Israel.

To Be In Arad (14 min.) — A film depicting life in a new development town in the Negev.

War On Yom Kippur (30 min.) — A documentary film of the Yom Kippur War, produced by the Israeli Broadcasting System, using a great deal of war footage.

The Third Day Of The War (15 min.) — Filmed on the third day of the Yom Kippur War, this film depicts the reactions of new immigrants and volunteers to the crisis in Israel.

Letter From The Front (30 min.) — The narration for this film is taken from an actual letter sent by an Israeli soldier to a friend in the U.S. The film utilizes documentary footage of the battles and ceasefire after the Yom Kippur War, as well as depicting life on the home front.

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